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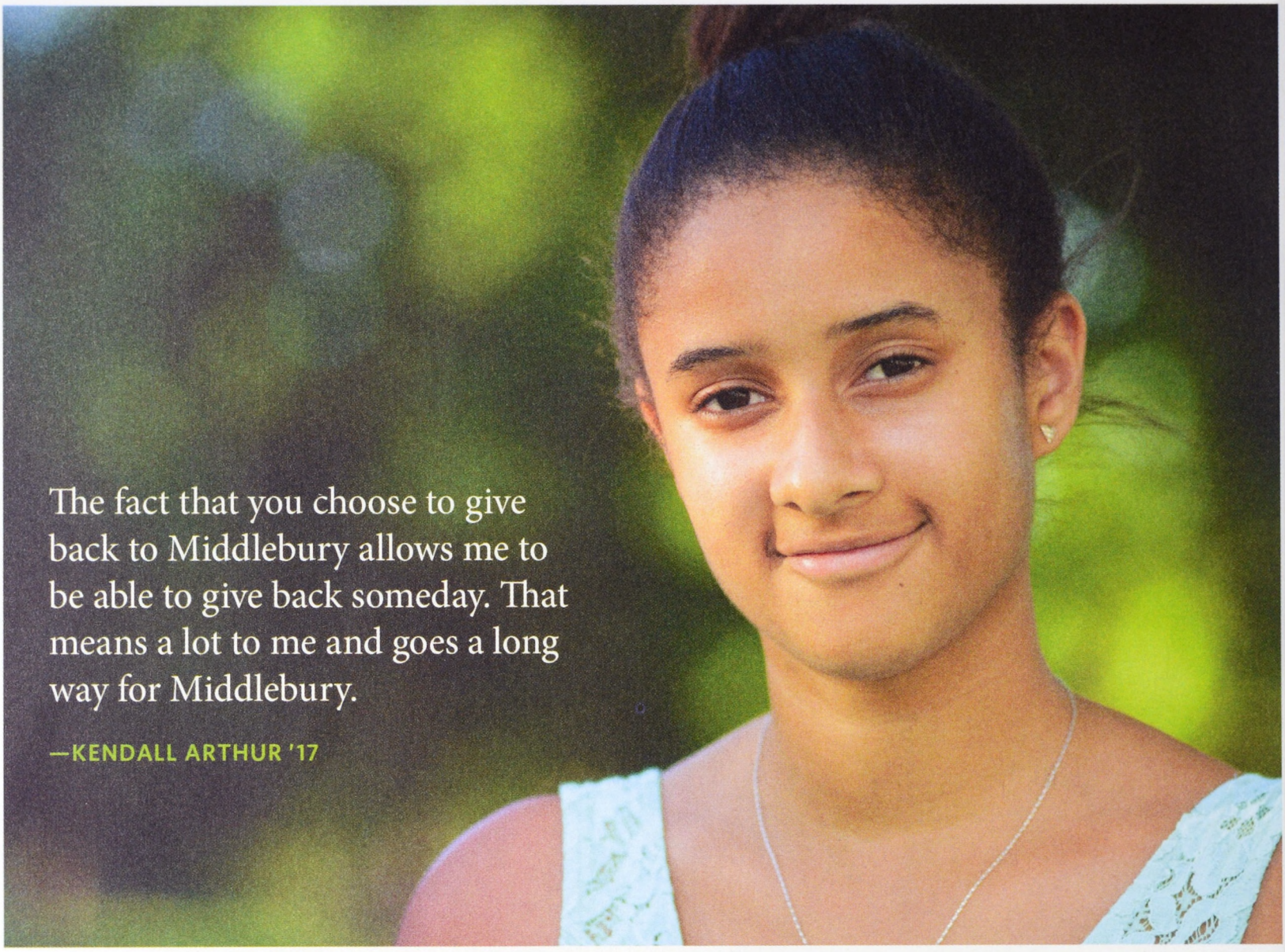
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By Stephen Trombulak, Professor of Environmental and Biosphere Studies, as told to Matt Jennings

Waiting in the Wings

The story of this ornithological teaching collection goes back roughly 130 years to the mid-1880s, when a couple of Addison County teenagers, Chester Parkhill and Albert Mead, became interested in local birds. They were bird fans—that was the term back then, bird fans—not birders or bird-watchers—and the way people observed birds in the late-19th century was you see a bird, you shoot it, you observe it. It was barbaric by our contemporary standards, obviously, but that was the custom.

When Parkhill and Mead were in high school, a College senior named Frank Knowlton came to their biology class to demonstrate skinning and mounting birds. The two were hooked and subsequently enlisted Knowlton to give them private tutorials. Over the next several years—Mead enrolled at Middlebury, while Parkhill stayed home to tend the family farm—they amassed a considerable collection. The skins were well preserved, and their labeling—the precision, the artistry—was done to exacting standards and is an example of museum-quality craft.

Tragically, Parkhill died at a young age. His sister left his entire collection to Mead, and then, at some point before 1939, Mead (by this point a Middlebury trustee) donated both his and Parkhill's collections to the College. We know this because the spring 1939 *News Letter* published a story about how this ornithological collection was being used in biology courses.

And after that, things get murky.

During the next decades, Middlebury's biology department added some outstanding faculty—Hal Hitchcock, George Saul, Duncan McDonald, but I don't think they were all that interested in the museum skins. And when the science departments were moving from Warner to the new science center in the late '60s, my guess is that someone looked at these cabinets of birds and thought, *I have no interest in those.* So they were moved into storage, essentially left to be forgotten.

I was hired in 1985, and on one of my first days on campus, I went down to the storage room in the science center—which, by this point, was filled to capacity—and started rooting around. It was dark and dusty and filled with all of this junk, and at some point I spotted a couple of museum cabinets pushed against the wall way in the back. (This tells you they were probably the first things to go into storage.) They were great looking cabinets, so I started digging through stuff to get to them—it was like digging through sand. In order to go forward, I had to take something in front of me and move it behind me. Finally I reached the cabinets, cleared some space, and opened one of the doors. The overpowering smell of mothballs hit me, and my jaw dropped, not because of the smell, but because of what I saw. This cabinet was filled with these bird skins—birds from the 1880s, all from Addison County, expertly preserved*.

Unbelievable, I thought. I knew I had to move these up to my teaching room, and I have been curating the collection ever since.

**Following this, Trombulak also discovered boxes of eggs, as well as mounts. They're without documentation but he believes they were all part of the Mead collection. (More on the entire collection on p. 30.)*

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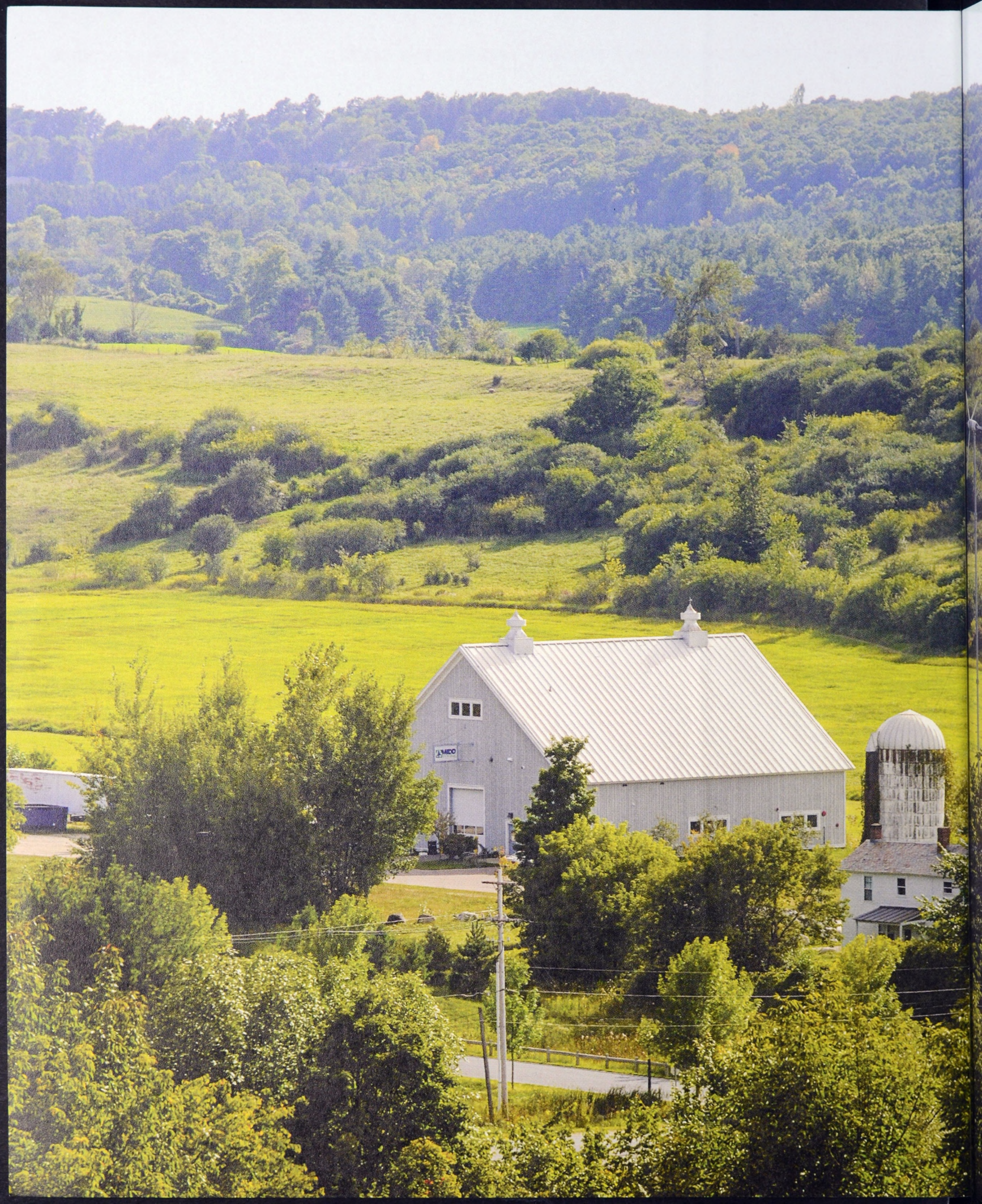
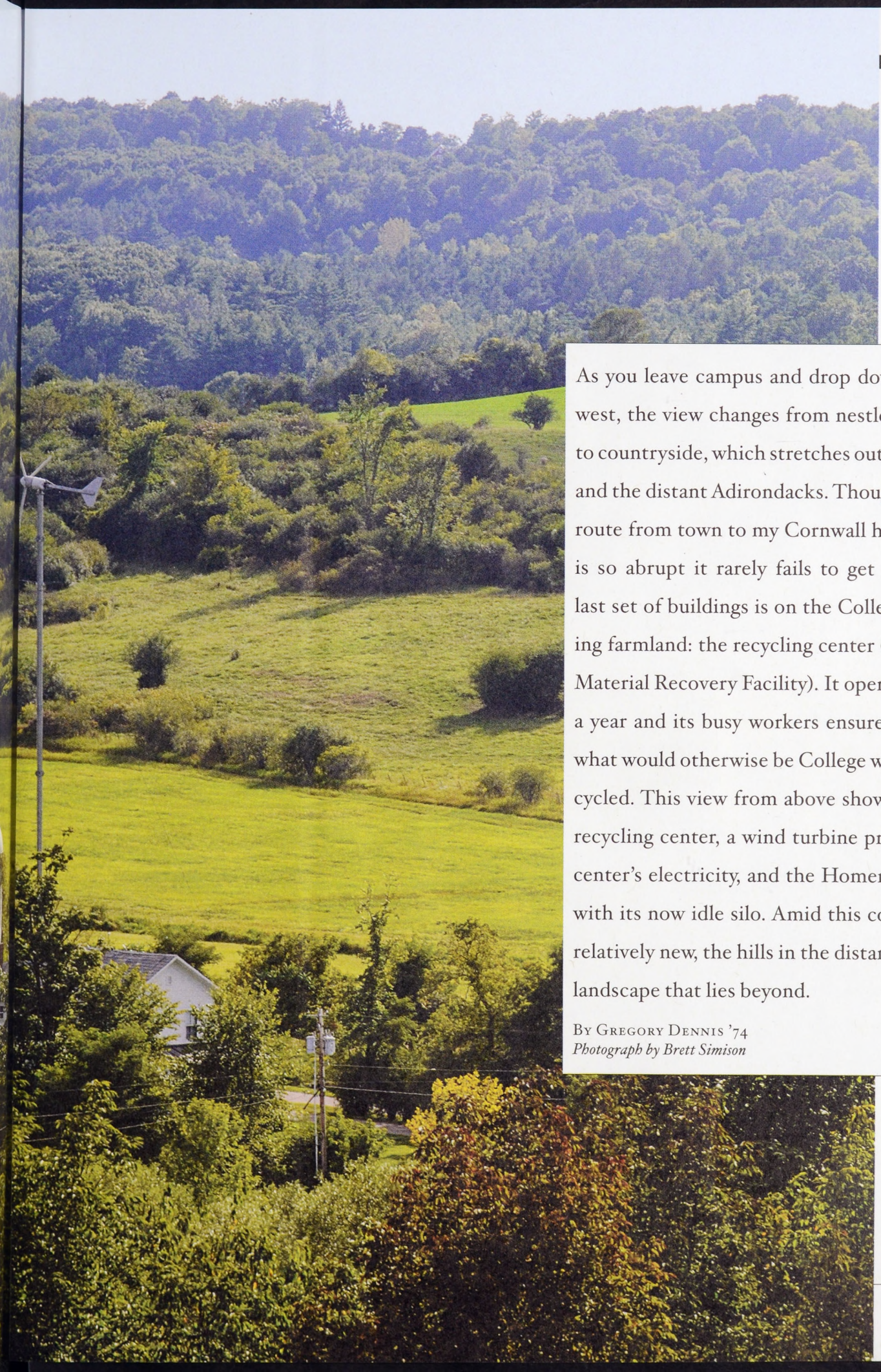




Just down the hill from campus, the David W. Ginevan Recycling Center sits along Route 125, seemingly right at home in the countryside.

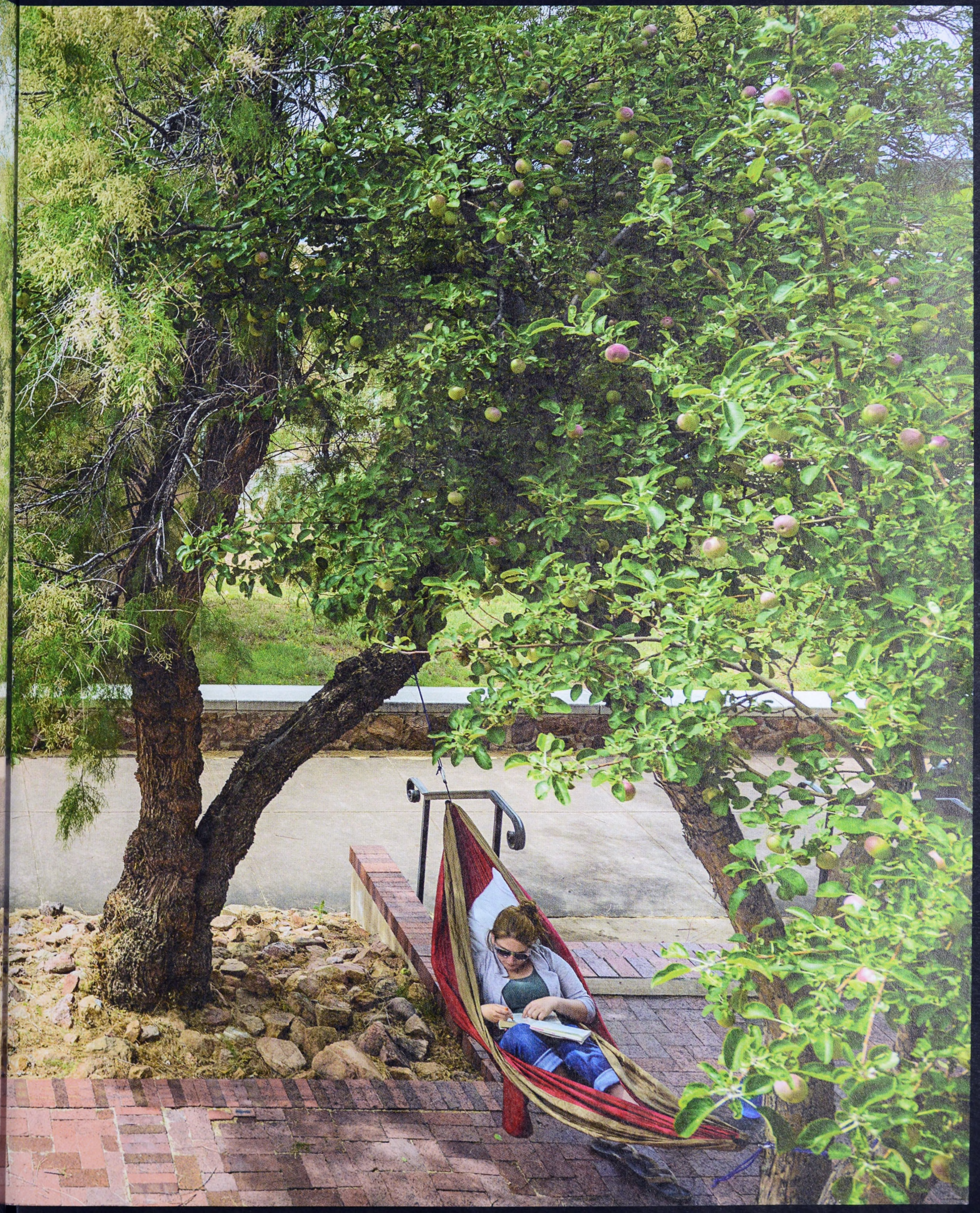
As you leave campus and drop down the hill heading west, the view changes from nestled college buildings to countryside, which stretches out to Lake Champlain and the distant Adirondacks. Though I often drive this route from town to my Cornwall home, the transition is so abrupt it rarely fails to get my attention. One last set of buildings is on the College edge of the rolling farmland: the recycling center (officially called the Material Recovery Facility). It operates nearly 365 days a year and its busy workers ensure that two-thirds of what would otherwise be College waste is reused or recycled. This view from above shows the metal-roofed recycling center, a wind turbine providing part of the center's electricity, and the Homer Harris Farmhouse with its now idle silo. Amid this collection of old and relatively new, the hills in the distance hint of the rural landscape that lies beyond.

By Gregory Dennis '74
Photograph by Brett Simison

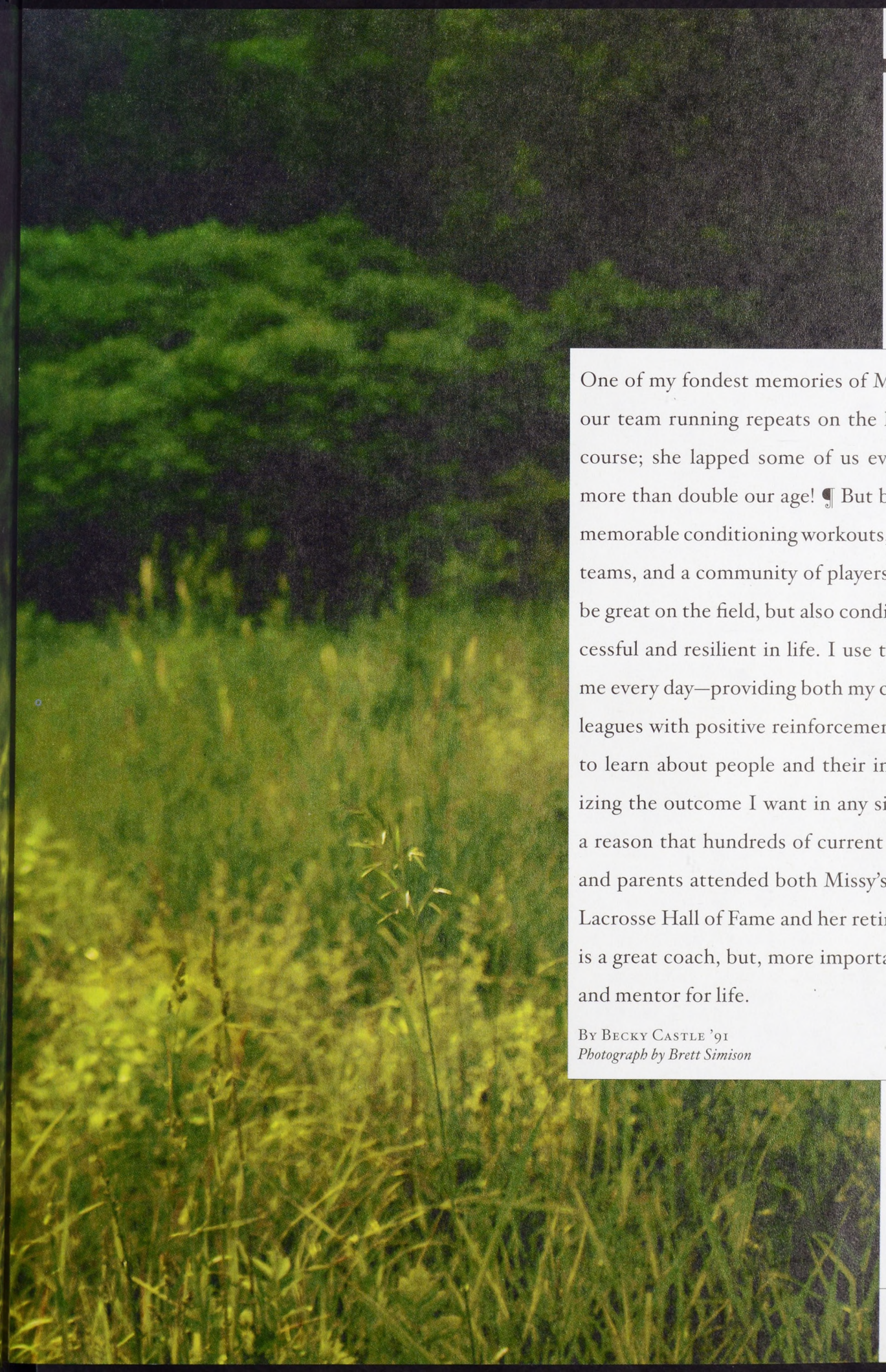
In Santa Fe, I thought about silence. All summer I honed a theory about it and underlined choice passages in McCarthy and Cather while I worked in my room—its view, incidentally, is more or less pictured here. The place's quietude mesmerized me—make a sound and chances are it would disappear down an arroyo, or become dehydrated, or rise up to commingle with the spirit of Georgia O'Keeffe before it bounced back to you. But the silence also left me in a perpetual state of suspense. At Ojo Caliente, a hot spring up Route 84 where we would go and cover ourselves with mud, I was half afraid to dunk my head. Bringing up the rear of a sunrise hike, I looked over my shoulder with a shiver. Riding a bicycle down Canyon Road into town, I held off the brakes, egging on whatever it was.

By Angela Evancie '09
Photograph by Michael Clark

A quiet, sunny afternoon affords plenty of time for reading and reflection on the Middlebury Bread Loaf School of English campus in Santa Fe.



Missy Foote concludes her 38-year career as a coach at Middlebury, retiring as one of the most influential and successful Panther mentors of all time.



One of my fondest memories of Missy Foote involves our team running repeats on the hill behind the golf course; she lapped some of us even though she was more than double our age! ¶ But beyond the epic and memorable conditioning workouts, Missy built people, teams, and a community of players. She inspired us to be great on the field, but also conditioned us to be successful and resilient in life. I use the skills she taught me every day—providing both my children and my colleagues with positive reinforcement, asking questions to learn about people and their interests, and visualizing the outcome I want in any situation. ¶ There is a reason that hundreds of current and former players and parents attended both Missy's induction into the Lacrosse Hall of Fame and her retirement party. Missy is a great coach, but, more importantly, she is a friend and mentor for life.

By Becky Castle '91
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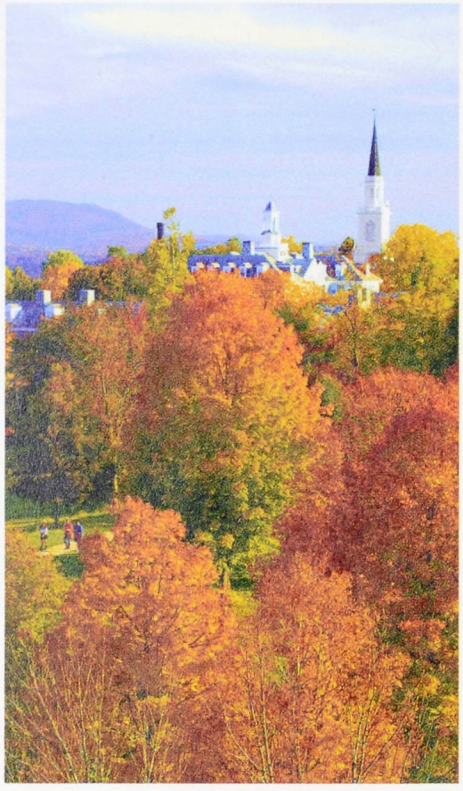

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When It Began

TAKE A STROLL THROUGH THE TOWN OF MIDDLEBURY during the summer months and you're just as likely to catch snippets of conversations in Italian or Chinese or Hebrew as you are in English. More than a century ago, a pair of German professors at Vassar College had a dream about just such a place.

On a sun-dappled spring day in 1911, Lilian Stroebe and Marian Whitney sat in a Hudson Valley apple orchard and tossed around the idea of starting a school for German language learning. The crux of their plan hinged on the notion of full immersion in the German language and culture without distraction, and that's where they were flummoxed: where would they site their school? Poughkeepsie, a bustling mill town in the early 20th century, wasn't feasible, so Stroebe and Whitney took to scouting locations when they weren't teaching in the classroom.

It was three years later that Whitney was traveling through Vermont on the Rutland Railroad, returning home from a language conference in Canada, when she caught sight of a couple of stark white buildings peeking though the dense green woods of the rural landscape. She asked a fellow traveler what she was seeing, and he replied, "Middlebury College."

That is where Ms. Stroebe should start her school, she thought.

Upon her return, she brought her idea to her Vassar colleague, who subsequently reached out to Middlebury President John Thomas. A century before intellectual risk-taking became a buzz phrase in higher education, Thomas listened thoughtfully to Stroebe's pitch and gave it a green light.

The following summer—100 years ago—the German School opened with 41 students.

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Hello, Middlebury

By Laurie L. Patton

As I write these words, I am approaching the end of my first week as Middlebury's 17th president. ¶ The welcome from faculty, staff, and students has been extraordinary! And I have heard from many of you—alumni, parents, and friends of Middlebury—whose commitment to our institution is one of its great strengths.

I couldn't have imagined a warmer reception by the Middlebury community.

My husband, Shalom Goldman, and I, along with our cat and two Great Pyrenees, are gradually getting settled in. We spent our first weekend in Middlebury—the July 4th weekend—experiencing just some of what the town and its surrounding communities have to offer, from the farmer's market (taste the mango-blueberry jam!) to the start of the annual Festival on the Green. In fact I began writing this column at a downtown tea shop that featured Haiku poetry on the walls. At the table next to mine, two Japanese learners from the Language Schools were enjoying a spirited and, judging from their laughter, humorous conversation in their new language.

In short, it was the kind of experience that longtime faculty and staff, including my predecessor and friend Ron Liebowitz, have been describing to me—but that one must live to appreciate.

My first day in the office was an ideal introduction to the institution, starting with an energetic senior staff meeting where we spoke about how we will work together. That meeting was followed by a brief walk through the quad that, by pure happenstance, led to conversations with a recent graduate, two second-year international students, and a prospective student and her father who were visiting the campus from Oregon.

That night I had the pleasure of speaking at the Language Schools Convocation in Mead Chapel. The ebullient spirit of the evening was quite unlike anything I had ever seen. I found it inspiring to see hundreds of newly arrived students from around the world, here in Vermont, who were so obviously enthralled by the learning experience upon which they had embarked. Once again, the advance billing of what summer at Middlebury would be like only hinted at the joy I took from actually being here.

Of course for me the Middlebury magic started long before this auspicious beginning on campus and in town. What I mean by Middlebury magic is the love so many Middlebury alumni hold for their institution. I spoke with several Middlebury alumni before accepting the job and have spoken with many more since then. To this day I have heard only great affection and loyalty for the place that provided them not only with an education but also life-shaping experiences and many lifelong friendships.

One of the advantages of being a newcomer experiencing Middlebury with a fresh eye is that I don't take what this institution has created for granted. Wherever I look I sense a remarkable connection to this place. I see that our alumni feel welcome whenever they come to campus. I hear from parents who in a short time develop a deep commitment to the College. I talk with Language School students who embrace their status as *Middlebury students.* In Monterey, I see how faculty, staff, and students at the Middlebury Institute of International Studies are seizing on opportunities to deepen their ties to the entire institution. And I look forward to my first trip to Bread Loaf in the days to come, so I can savor that special place and its rich educational tradition.

I believe our alumni have a significant role to play in shaping the future of their alma mater. I like to think about constructive engagement in terms of the gifts of time, talent, and treasure. We rarely have all three in equal measure, but we give whatever we can summon to the places that have had the deepest effect on us. And Middlebury alumni share generously in order to keep building the institution they love.

I will be traveling extensively this year to meet Middlebury alumni, parents, and friends throughout the country and abroad. Already in my introductions I have heard stories about the professor, the sports coach, the landscape, the summer internship, and even the chance encounter that shaped the direction and purpose of the lives of our graduates. I can't wait to hear more!

These stories of purpose shape the ethos of Middlebury, and they give us hints of how to build our future together. I look forward to building that future in partnership with you, that extraordinary group of global and local citizens of the extended Middlebury community!

For more on Laurie Patton's arrival at Middlebury, see p. 23. *Patton can be reached at president@middlebury.edu.*

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Talk

FEATURED CONTRIBUTORS

The Balbusso Twins ("Modern Love") have been working together from their studio in Milan, Italy, since 1998 to create illustrations with a shared signature and surreal vision. Drawing upon great works and artists spanning, but not limited to, ancient Roman mural painting and contemporary art, the twin sisters' deft craftsmanship and skilled integration of art history has set them apart in the eyes of the public, contemporary illustrators, and critics alike.

Kathryn Flagg '08 ("Happy Tails") is a first-rate writer who recently moved from her job as a staff writer at *Seven Days* to work for Press Forward, a public relations company in Ripton, Vermont. Flagg has also worked as a Middlebury Fellow in Environmental Journalism and has contributed to the *Addison County Independent*, *Wyoming Public Radio*, and *Orion Magazine*.

Maddie Oatman '08 ("The Business of Beer") has been busy writing her way between America's coasts. From the mountains of Colorado to the forests of Vermont, Oatman now lives in San Francisco, where she works as a writer and senior research editor for *Mother Jones*. A former Middlebury Fellow in Environmental Journalism, she has contributed to *Outside*, the *Rumpus*, and the *Bay Citizen* with a focus on culture, food, and the environment.

Rosamond Purcell (Cover, "The Art of Birds") captures in photograph what science has tried to freeze in time. Her works include *Illuminations: A Bestiary*, *Owls Head*, and *Bookwork*. Known for her willingness to work through darkness and dust to find the beauty and intrigue in her subjects, Purcell spent the better part of two days in Middlebury's Bicentennial Hall for her photo shoot, a feat many a Middlebury student can appreciate.

Brett Simison ("Happy Tails") is a frequent contributor to *Middlebury Magazine* whose efforts in this issue were anything but commonplace. Working on a farm in Peru, New York, Simison coaxed temperamental animals while, disquietingly close-by, escaped convicts evaded the police. When not engaged in shoots reminiscent of a Hardy Boys' adventure, Brett lives in Vergennes, Vermont, and contributes to *Outside*, the *New York Times*, *National Geographic*, *Time Magazine*, and *Backpacker Magazine* among others. You can check out his work at www.brettsimison.com.

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The Liebowitz Years
With the presidency of Ron Liebowitz coming to a close, we take a look at a legacy at Middlebury that stretches back 31 years. Stephen Kiernan '82 examines the transformative Liebowitz presidency in Leading with Conviction. • A quartet of essayists—Jason Merrill '90, Patricia Zupan, Victor Nuovo, and Dena Simmons '05—discuss Ron as teacher, colleague, neighbor, and president. • The data visualizers at Pop Chart Lab illuminate the facts and figures of the 16th presidency at Middlebury. • And noted writer and environmentalist Bill McKibben walks the recently conserved Bread Loaf lands and ends our package of stories with A Vision Realized.

ON THE LIEBOWITZ ERA, PART I

Ron Liebowitz's presidency ("Leading with Conviction," spring 2015) was characterized by energetic leadership and a superb communications ability. His immediate and thoughtful response to the economic crisis set him apart from most of his peers and ultimately enabled the College to emerge as a stronger and more confident institution.

I, for one, am grateful for all he has done for Middlebury. In his leadership role, he has managed change very effectively and put the College on a sustainable path forward. The magazine's story nicely captures the essence of the Liebowitz era.

—Chip Elfner '66, *commenting on middmag.com*

ON THE LIEBOWITZ ERA, PART II

The stories examining Ron Liebowitz's tenure at Middlebury ("The Liebowitz Years," spring 2015) substantiated why I feel so fortunate that he was president while our daughter was at Middlebury.

Ron is a rare treasure, and I know that many, many other parents would join me in deep gratitude for all that he did in leading and forming Middlebury during his time as president. He provided the institution with a strong vision and inspired the students more than he could possibly know.

—Linda Hart, *commenting on middmag.com*

ON THE LIEBOWITZ ERA, PART III

I would like to wish Ron Liebowitz a satisfying sojourn in the next phase of his life.

His accessibility to the students and his "Middlebury model" have been exceptionally positive for the College. A liberal arts education was the foundation of my success in life after Middlebury, and I felt every time I met with Ron that he was ready to discuss any issues that were of interest to me—and to continue my education.

Bon voyage, mon ami.

—JP Latreille '61, *commenting on middmag.com*

AND ONE MORE FOR GOOD MEASURE

The anecdotes and stories about the Liebowitz presidency made for compelling reading. I'm sure that all alums have a greater pride in and for Middlebury as a result of this wonderfully comprehensive issue.

Reading these articles, and then his moving farewell address, I realized his determination to advance Middlebury as a global liberal arts leader—and what a successful plan that's been.

Alluded to throughout is how Ron set the tone by stressing the value of a liberal arts education. As example, here's a letter of recognition he wrote when Sandy Batty '68 retired last September as head of the New Jersey Association of Environmental Commissions (ANJEC) after 29 years and was fêted at a retirement gala.

Extending his congratulations and admiration, Ron wrote:

"Sandy's impressive accomplishments during her nearly 30-year tenure and 12-year directorship with ANJEC resonate with the Middlebury community, where environmental mindfulness is central to our mission. As the college that created the first environmental studies major in the country, we have long embraced and championed sustainability initiatives and environmental stewardship, and it is a point of pride to see one of our graduates contribute in such a meaningful way.

"It is worth noting that Sandy was not an environmental studies major at Middlebury. Rather, she majored in American literature. Now, some may think that Sandy's chosen course of study might have then necessitated a steep learning curve before she was able to effectively lead an organization such as ANJEC. I would like to suggest the opposite.

"A liberally educated student is one who can think critically and analytically, communicate effectively, and ask the right questions. By engaging different modes of inquiry as a student, Sandy subsequently applied this experience—learning how to learn—to great effect. When these traits are imbued with drive and determination, which she possesses in abundance, remarkable achievement is soon to follow."

Ron's letter reinforces the value of the liberal arts education Middlebury has provided over time. As you read those words, think about how many other times Ron wrote similar letters for deserving alums, and you'll realize what extraordinary effort he put forth.

—Lee Farnsworth '60, *West Trenton, New Jersey*

WHAT ABOUT THE COMPREHENSIVE FEE?

In the spring issue, in the two-page infographic spread that addressed "key data points illustrating the growth and evolution of Middlebury under Ron's leadership," you left out one key metric: the change in Middlebury's comprehensive fee. In 2004 it was just over $38,000, while in 2014 it was well over $58,000, an increase of nearly 55 percent. Next year it will be over $61,000. Yes, the now-abandoned CPI+1 formula moved the College down in the expense rankings of peer schools, but Middlebury continues to go the route of other private four-year residential colleges, pricing itself out of the reach of ordinary people.

The questioning of the relative value of a traditional college education at this cost is getting louder. When I graduated, my salary as a first-year middle school teacher was almost exactly double the comprehensive fee at Middlebury my senior year. Do you know of any public school systems that are paying starting teachers at $120,000?

—Tom Barstow '74, *Windham, New Hampshire*

ODE TO RDL

In response to the terrific magazine pieces on Ron Liebowitz's time at Middlebury, I humbly submit the following, which I read at a dinner for Ron and Jessica in May. I know they've been keen to keep praise to a minimum, but I felt it was worth sharing.

Pride of Place
A Tribute to Ron Liebowitz

In the decade or so since two thousand and four,
Our little home town has let out quite a roar.
A college that was already a great place before
Has burst forth with new glory and the promise of more.

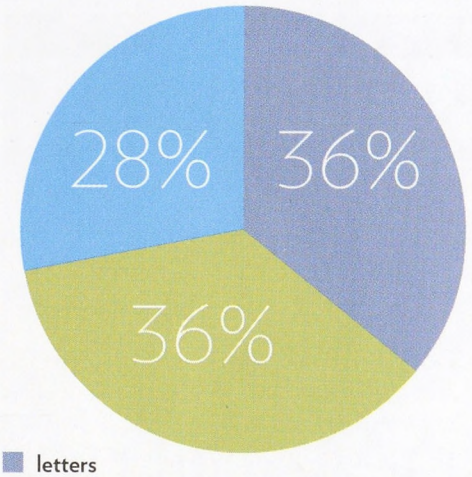
Still stately and grand as a Heritage Elm,
With a capable Liebowitz hand at the helm
We've conquered new lands and climbed to new heights
For which we salute him with tonight's delights.

Our Russian geographer, President Ron,
Flows with the force of the Volga and Don.
Walking at sunrise, his vision unfurl'd,
Who better to shape a school's place in the world?

Through emails that blast with the power of Chernobyl,
He's taken us far on the quest to go global
While also excelling in matters as local
As greening our buildings and getting quite vocal
On the wondrous environment of our mountainous state
And ways to enjoy it without a tailgate.

Mail Bag Not a surprise that letters and comments addressing Ron Liebowitz's tenure as president—and our coverage of his presidency—generated the most chatter. Folks on Twitter were active too with a bunch of retweets and a few gems we include in these pages.

HOW YOU CHOOSE TO TALK



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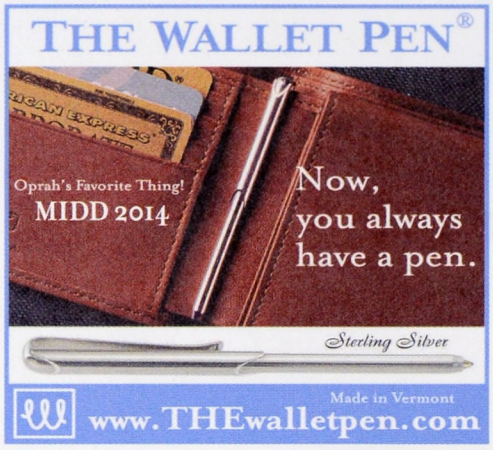
NUMBER OF POEMS WE'RE LIKELY TO RUN AGAIN. NEVER SAY NEVER, BUT THIS WAS A SPECIAL OCCASION IN CELEBRATION OF SOMEONE WHO WAS PART OF THE COMMUNITY FOR 31 YEARS.



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As he lives to the fullest each day of his life.

The dynamite duo of Jessica/Ron
Starts before dawn and goes on... on... and on.
As their family has grown, we've all grown up too
And we wish them the best as they set sail for new...
Adventures in places and stations unknown,
But which we are sure they will soon make their own.

Meanwhile, their legacy shines all around us:
A community they've made even better than they found us,
Where awesome traditions and global ambitions,
Infinite wisdom and lower emissions,
All work together to make this our finest hour
As Ron works his tail off on the transfer of power.
He's even cut a deal with President Patton:
"If you take Vermont," he says, "I'll take Manhattan."
—Churchill Franklin '71, *Cornwall, Vermont*

MISSING DIGITS

While paging through the spring issue of the magazine, I stopped on the infographic spread and was given pause by the endowment figure. Middlebury surely has to have an endowment larger than $1,080,000, right? Did you mean billion? I sure hope so!
—Alexa Quinn, *Philadelphia, Pennsylvania*

Editor's Note: Alexa was joined by many other eagle-eyed readers who pointed out with semi-alarm the understating of the College's endowment by, oh, 999 million dollars or so.

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For readability, we decided to run the 2004 and 2015 endowment figures in thousands, with an asterisk and footnote explaining as such. Unfortunately, somewhere in our editing process, this explainer was dropped. So, yes, in 2004 Middlebury's endowment was $664 million. It is now $1.08 billion.

GO SLOW

Elizabeth Reed '15 wrote a very insightful essay ("Island Time," spring 2015) in the spring issue that spoke to her ability to slow down and live more in the moment. It usually takes many more years before such an understanding becomes so clear.

I love her description of trying to "figure everything out" as being a fool's errand. So true. Keep that vision—and remember that people will always let you work as hard as you want.

—ANDREW FINLEY, *commenting on middmag.com*

THUMBS UP

Great editors' pick by @MiddleburyMag. *Maquis: The Secret War of Joseph Quantock* is a fab read.

—KATE TAYLOR (@KATECTAYLOR), *commenting on Twitter*

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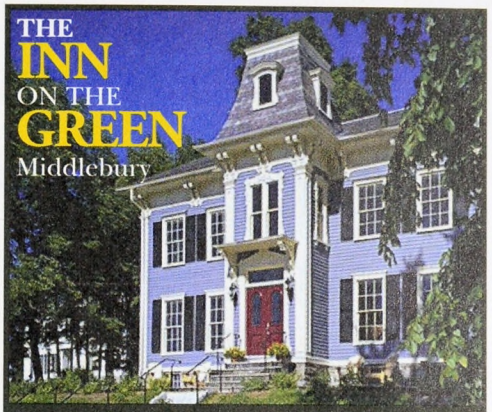

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MORE DETAIL NEEDED

In reading the obituaries in *Middlebury Magazine*, I've noticed that when referencing one's service in World War II, you invariably report that so-and-so "served in the Pacific." (Or wherever.) It irks me that you don't ever say what the veteran was doing! (It would only take a sentence, so I don't think space is a problem.)

Among those who served, there were those who handed out combat boots and those who wore those boots in combat. A supply sergeant's job was quite different from the roles of those veterans who fought on, say, Omaha Beach or Iwo Jima.

—Addison Merrick '48, *Craftsbury, Vermont*

LETTERS POLICY

Letters addressing topics discussed in the magazine are given priority, though they may be edited for brevity or clarity. On any given subject we will print letters that address that subject, and then in the next issue, letters that respond to the first. After that, we will move on to new subjects. Send letters to: *Middlebury Magazine*, 152 College Street, Middlebury, VT 05753 or middmag@middlebury.edu.

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The Class of 2015 celebrates its new status as graduates and alumni at the close of Commencement. Photo by Brett Simison

What We're Talking About

In this new department, we'll recap the news, notes, and tidbits that have grabbed our attention the past three months.

At its May meeting, the Middlebury Board of Trustees approved a budget of $314.1 million for the 2016 fiscal year, which began on July 1. That represents a 4.7 percent increase over the FY15 budget. Also at the board meeting, Middlebury's investment manager, Investure, presented its annual report on the performance of the endowment, which now totals $1.1 billion.

On the final day of classes, 10 budding filmmakers debuted their senior thesis work. The screening in Dana Auditorium was a packed affair, and the work lives on—the digital flicks can all be found on the Vimeo page for the Department of Film and Media Culture. Of special note is a brilliant autobiographical short by Dylan Redford '15 as he wrestles with the public's perception of him.

Three Middlebury faculty members were granted tenure this spring. A hearty congratulations to Joyce Mao (history), Sarah Stroup (political science), and Jessica Teets (political science).

The women's lacrosse team fell two games short in its quest for a fifth national title, losing in a semifinal contest to Cortland State, 19 to 12. The Panthers posted a 16 and 4 record in Missy Foote's final season as head coach. For more on the legendary coach, see p. 6. The men's tennis team advanced to a national title appearance, dropping the championship title to Claremont-Mudd-Scripps, five matches to zero. It was the program's fifth appearance in a men's national final.

In mid-May, more than 200 graduates from 27 countries received their advanced degrees from the Middlebury Institute of International Studies at Monterey. Angela Kane, high representative for the U.N. Office of Disarmament Affairs, gave the commencement address. By all accounts, the event was terrific.

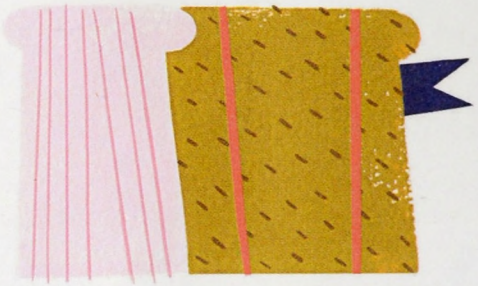
In case you haven't heard, Vermont Senator Bernie Sanders is running for president. Political scientist and Middlebury professor Matt Dickinson has been one of the media's go-to sources for all things Bernie. He writes about all of the candidates at his *Presidential Power* blog (sites.middlebury.edu/presidentialpower).

Just as every incoming class of first-year students is the "strongest" in Middlebury's history, each spring's commencement exercise is always the "best" in recent memory. This year, many folks felt that might actually be true. Marking the occasion: exquisite weather, a funny and touching speech from theatre major Adam Milano '15, Julia Alvarez's moving commencement address, and a breathtaking performance by acclaimed violinist Hilary Hahn, an honorary degree recipient. And then there were all of those happy graduates with their canes and diplomas in hand.

The largest fundraising effort in Middlebury history has come to a conclusion, with more than $530 million raised. Among the priorities the funding supports: 142 newly endowed scholarships, 40 new faculty positions, 26 new Schools Abroad sites, a pair of new Language Schools, a digital liberal arts initiative, and the Centers for Social Entrepreneurship and Social Impact Learning. For more, see go.middlebury.edu/midd-initiative.

Matthew Benedict '15 graduated cum laude in the spring as an economics major and political science and classical studies minor. He played football—starting for three years, serving as a captain last fall, and earning all-conference honors. And in the days following his graduation, he published a moving account of his long struggle with depression. Read it here: go.middlebury.edu/benedict.

The 96th session of the Bread Loaf School of English got under way in June when classes began in Vermont, Santa Fe, and Oxford. More than 400 students from 40 states and 13 countries are continuing their education in the literary arts. The annual summer sessions bring renowned faculty to each locale and allow those guest lectures to be open to the public.



Middlebury recently hired an associate provost for digital learning—Amy Collier, a scholar and thought leader in the field. Collier, who began the job on July 1, comes to Vermont from Stanford University, where she held a number of posts, including associate director for teaching and technology, director of digital learning initiatives, and, most recently, senior director, inspiration and outreach.

The town of Middlebury Development Review Board has approved a College plan to build a new residential complex on the western side of campus. The facility will include four buildings and will be built on a parcel of land along the Ridgeline Woods off Adirondack View. The residences will be able to accommodate about 160 students and, once occupied, will replace the modular units located just down the hill. Construction is expected to begin in August and be completed in September 2016.

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For information on Laurie Patton's inauguration, visit www.middlebury.edu/inauguration

NEWS

Welcome, Laurie Patton

It was a few minutes after 8:30 on the morning of July 1 when Laurie Patton steered her silver Prius into a parking space on Old Chapel Road. Middlebury's 17th president was about to begin her first day at work.

"I write to send warm greetings on my first day as Middlebury's new president," she had written in an email that was sent out to the community later that morning. "The glorious Vermont summer weather has matched the excitement I feel in coming to work with such an extraordinary community."

Though that day's weather was not cooperating with Patton's sentiments—leaden skies prompted rain showers throughout the morning and afternoon—the excitement of which she spoke was evident the moment she walked into Old Chapel.

Greeting her new colleagues with the familiarity one gains from eight months of visits, phone calls, and correspondence, Patton drew smiles and hugs as she made her way to the building's third floor.

"Hi, dear," she said to Barbara McBride, embracing her assistant in a big hug. "It is so good to be here, and one of the best things is that after all we've done together already, this feels like just another day."

"It does," McBride replied, "but it's not just another day for Middlebury."

After a morning spent in meetings, Patton took advantage of a slight break in the weather to walk the campus with her husband, Shalom Goldman, who has been appointed Pardon Tillinghast Professor of History, Philosophy, and Religion, and their two Great Pyrenees, Padma and Suka.

On their stroll, the couple encountered and chatted with a distinguished faculty member; an alumna; a prospective student and her father visiting from Oregon; and two sophomores, from India and the Philippines, respectively, who have stayed on campus for the summer—one to work in Armstrong Library and the other to help a professor revise a textbook. Patton conversed in Hindi with the young woman from India before finishing the loop back to Old Chapel.

More meetings followed, and then Patton ended her day in Mead Chapel, speaking at the opening Convocation for the second session of the Language Schools. It was the second time Patton had spoken in Mead, the first occurring a little more than eight months ago when she was introduced to the community as Middlebury's next president.

Laurie Patton will be inaugurated as Middlebury's 17th president on the weekend of October 10–11. Visit www.middlebury.edu/inauguration for info.

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UpFront

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Why I Love Enobarbus

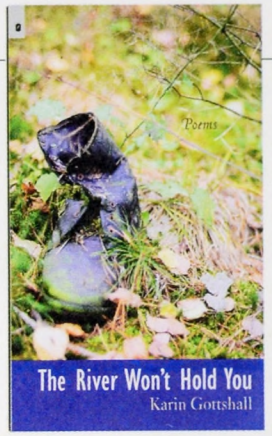
By James E. Berg, Visiting Assistant Professor of English and American Literatures

Every month or so, I adopt a different favorite Shakespeare character—this month, it's Enobarbus, servant of Mark Antony. Though not so famous as Hamlet or Cordelia, Enobarbus is one of Shakespeare's great achievements. His experience and language subvert the ancient stoic ideal of self-sufficiency—and similar male fantasies that persist today. His is that beautiful speech in *Antony and Cleopatra*, the description of Cleopatra as Antony first encountered her on the River Cydnus. Empathy for Antony's unmanly desire—devotion to Antony's very state of mind—animates its language.

> The barge she sat in, like a burnished throne,
> Burned on the water. The poop was beaten gold:
> Purple the sails, and so perfumèd that
> The winds were lovesick with them. The oars
> were silver,
> Which to the tune of flutes kept stroke and made
> The water which they beat to follow faster,
> As amorous of their strokes.

Yet even in the extravagance of these words, Enobarbus is asserting ironic distance from Antony's lovesickness. Always enlivening his conversation is a struggle between "feminine" empathy and "masculine" detachment. The conflict peaks when, observing Antony's uxorious conduct in battle, Enobarbus defects to Caesar, his master's enemy. But when he hears that Antony has responded by sending a gift of the treasure Enobarbus has left behind, Enobarbus dies—not of a warrior's suicide, but of a broken heart.

REVIEW



The River Won't Hold You
By Karin Gottshall, Visiting Lecturer in English and American Literatures
Review excerpt from *Seven Days*

Instead of bearing witness to the facts of the author's personal history, the reader is privy to something perhaps much more interesting: her inner life. Reading Gottshall's verse, we feel like privileged eavesdroppers on someone in deep conversation with her imaginary friend.

"Was I a person who would / one day reach forty: a question I sometimes asked / the oven," Gottshall writes in "Parochial." In another poem, "Vespers," she reflects, "Would I ever have grand- // daughters: a question I sometimes asked the humidifier."

All these poems convey a prolonged loneliness. Yet this lack of human company—of sibling, best friend, or loving lover—allows for the speaker's rich rapport with appliances, as in the excerpts above. She experiences a similar communion with the disc jockey's voice in "Rain" ("I turn on the / radio ... just to hear him breathe") and, most significantly, with the page itself, where she writes the thing she needs into being. "Sometimes I say I'm going to meet my sister at the café—" Gottshall confides in "More Lies"—"/ even though I have no sister..."

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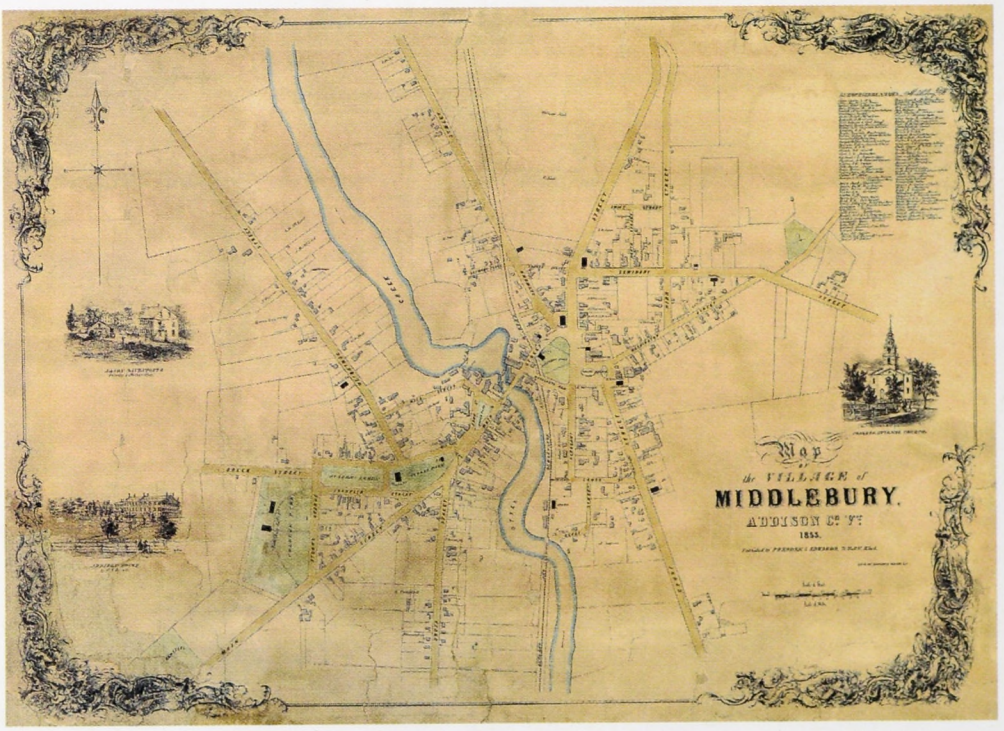
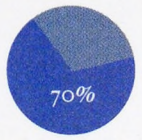


STREET VIEW
Where this 1853 wall map of Middlebury originally hung is unclear. However, its hand-painted streets, parks, and creek clearly display the maker's craft. Its right-hand corner has a list of prominent townsfolk—among them business owners, parishioners, and members of the Middlebury College faculty—who funded the map's creation. The lower left shows two black boxes representing Old Chapel and Painter Hall—then the campus' only two buildings. But notice the faint outline of the soon-to-be Starr Hall.

ILLUSTRATION (TOP LEFT) BY JOOHEE YOON

In the Beginning

On July 1, Laurie L. Patton officially became Middlebury's 17th president. In honor of the occasion, we look back at the institution's first leader, Jeremiah Atwater, and the era in which he took office.



Percentage of the Vermont Assembly who voted in favor of Middlebury charter

Percentage of charter trustees who were lawyers

Percentage of charter trustees who were ministers

25

Years of age when Atwater received his appointment as Middlebury president

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Students in Middlebury's inaugural class, all of whom began studying under Atwater in the grammar school

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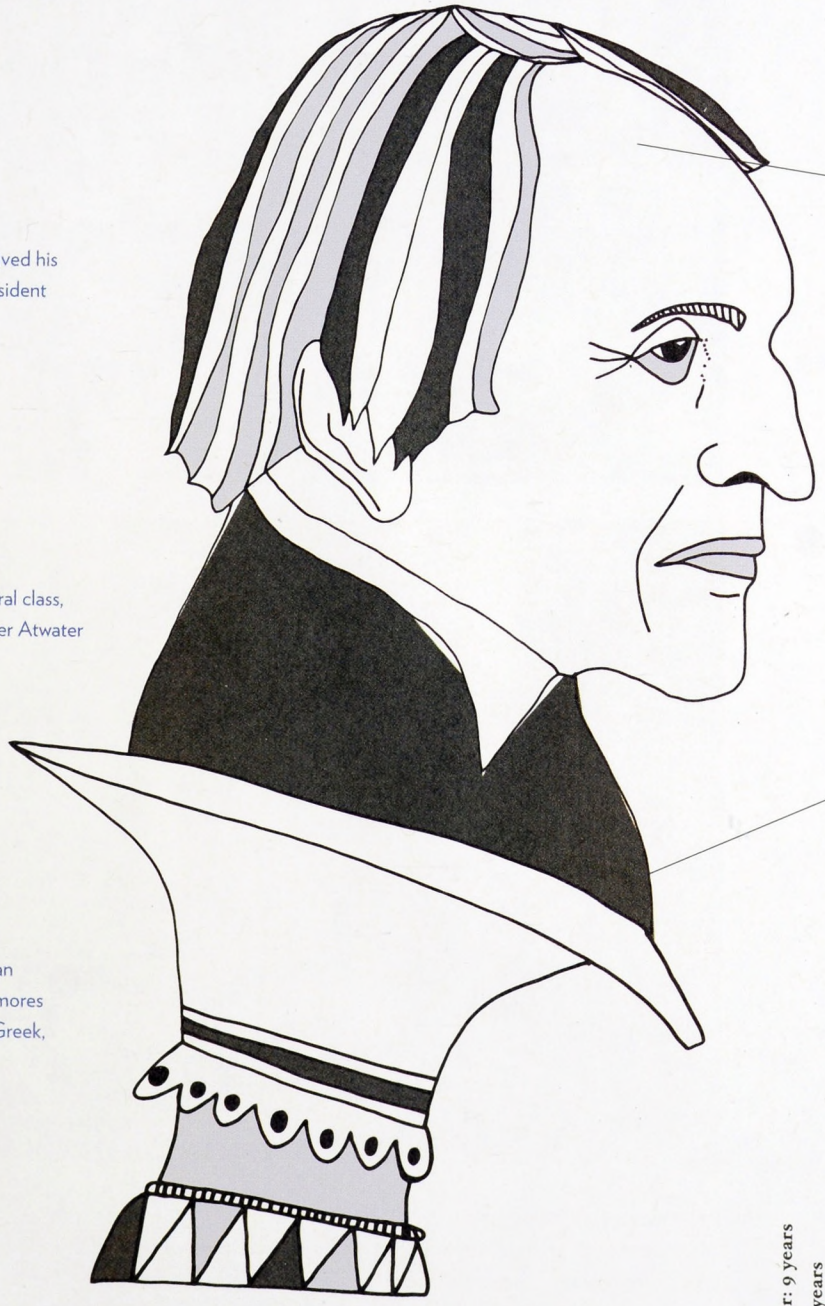
Students, of the seven, who began their collegiate careers as sophomores because they'd mastered Latin, Greek, and arithmetic

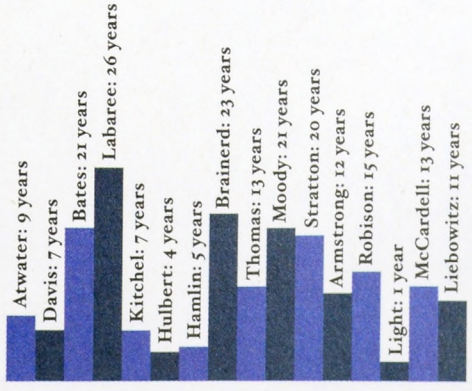


Two Gigs

Jeremiah Atwater actually held dual appointments, serving as director of Middlebury Academy's grammar school and as president of the Academy's "collegiate" department. Atwater also preached at the Congregational Church on Sunday mornings.

The End

Atwater resigned in 1809, after Middlebury trustees raised the salary of the Academy's star teacher, Frederick Hall, to a sum twice that of Atwater's.



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NUMBERS

Questions that run through one's mind during a college graduation: How many graduates are there? Where are they from? How long have academic costumes been worn? How long did it take to set up these tents? How many raps and taps was that?

685

NUMBER OF GRADUATES IN THE CLASSES OF 2014.5 AND 2015

46/33

NUMBER OF STATES AND COUNTRIES REPRESENTED BY THE GRADUATING CLASS

1300

THE YEAR WHEN ACADEMIC REGALIA ORIGINATED IN ENGLAND

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HOURS IT TAKES FOR VERMONT TENT COMPANY TO SET UP TENTS FOR COMMENCEMENT

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NUMBER OF RAPS AND TAPS IN "GAMALIEL PAINTER'S CANE"

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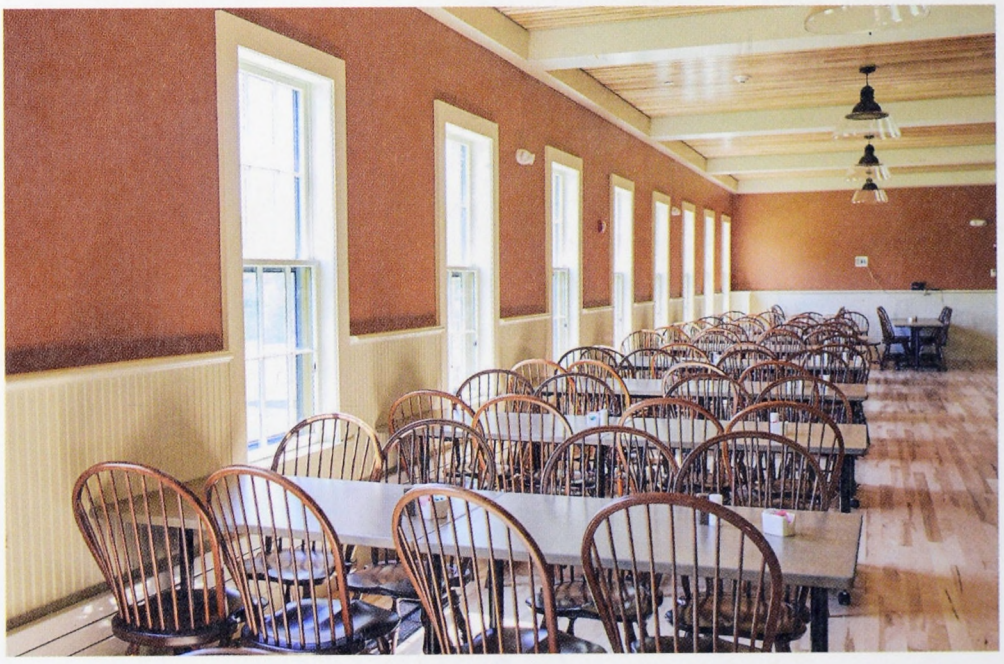

NEW ROOMS AT THE INN

After two years, the project to preserve the historic Bread Loaf Inn in Ripton is complete: original, spruce flooring refinished, uneven floors and sagging windows reframed, wiring updated, and new lighting throughout. Construction included the winterization of the nearly 200-year-old building against frigid Vermont temperatures and the installation of an elevator to make the building accessible to all. Bread Loaf attendees, students, and admirers need not worry, however: despite the expansive and much-needed renovation the building retains its rustic heart.

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MUSEUM

Gone, Here

THE 100 PHOTOGRAPHS represent just a fraction of the vast George R. Rinhart Collection, which numbers in the hundreds of thousands of images—"probably the most comprehensive and amazing collection of photography in private hands today," says Richard Saunders, director of the Middlebury College Museum of Art—but the exhibit *Many Thousand Gone*, cocurated by Associate Professor William Hart and his spring history course, provides a detailed view into an era of great importance.

Assembled for the first time, these photographic portraits depict the African American experience from the mid-19th century up through the Civil Rights Movement of the 1960s. Taking its title from a sorrow song dating from the Civil War, when it was sung by black Union soldiers and freedmen and freedwomen, the exhibit is organized into six themes—slavery, Reconstruction, World War I, the Harlem Renaissance, World War II, and the Civil Rights Movement—covering more than 125 years of black life in the United States.

"These photographs will invite the public to imagine what those narratives were at those times and how those narratives affect us in the present as we gaze upon the past," says Hart.

The photographs are on loan to the Middlebury College Museum of Art by George Rinhart, a private collector who lives in Palm Springs, California. The exhibit *Many Thousand Gone* runs through August 9.

QUOTE

"As you leave here, you're going to feel pressure to get a good job, get your career going, be a change maker, but I'm telling you: first things first. Whatever you do, let it be something that at the end of the day, you can say, 'I do this because I have a soul.'"

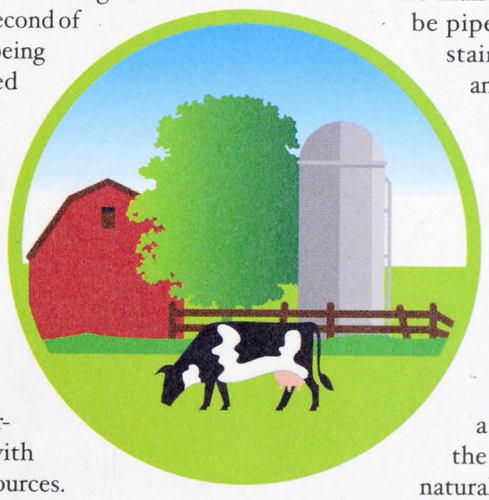
—**Julia Alvarez '71**, noted author, essayist, poet, and favorite daughter of Middlebury, speaking to the Class of 2015

NEWS

Cow Power

MIDDLEBURY'S CAMPUS—rural, proximate to the farms of Addison County—offers pastoral views, local bounty from surrounding fields, and seasonal fragrances best described in these pages as *au naturel*. To this list, we may soon add renewable energy.

This summer, the Vermont Public Service Board will review a petition that, if approved, will lead to a renewable natural gas (RNG) plant—only the second of its kind in the country—being constructed and operated at the Goodrich Family Farm in neighboring Salisbury.



Operated by a Montpelier-based company, the plant would generate renewable natural gas from manure produced by the Goodrich farm and a group of neighboring dairy farms, along with other local organic fuel sources.

The College would serve as the plant's primary customer, and by adding RNG to its energy mix, Middlebury would reduce its consumption of no. 6 fuel oil by 640,000 gallons a year—a step that would, in fact, eliminate its use of fuel oil altogether. Anticipating this partnership, Middlebury has invested $1.7 million over the past year to retrofit its boilers to burn any fuel source. It will begin burning conventional natural gas in advance of the RNG plant being completed.

Here's how the process would work: at the Goodrich Farm, manure would be drawn from the milking barns by a series of underground pipes and pumps to a primary holding tank. Additional manure brought from off-site farms would also be added to the system.

The manure supply would then be piped to a series of sealed stainless-steel tanks called anaerobic digesters. There, naturally occurring bacteria would break down the manure. The biogas produced would be fed into separate tanks where processing equipment would remove the carbon dioxide and trace contaminants, producing a form of RNG that is the chemical equivalent of natural gas.

Vermont Gas Systems plans to construct an extended pipeline network that would feed the gas from Salisbury to Middlebury.

This sustainability initiative would further diversify Middlebury's fuel sources, which already include biomass and solar, and would bring the College closer to its goal of achieving carbon neutrality.

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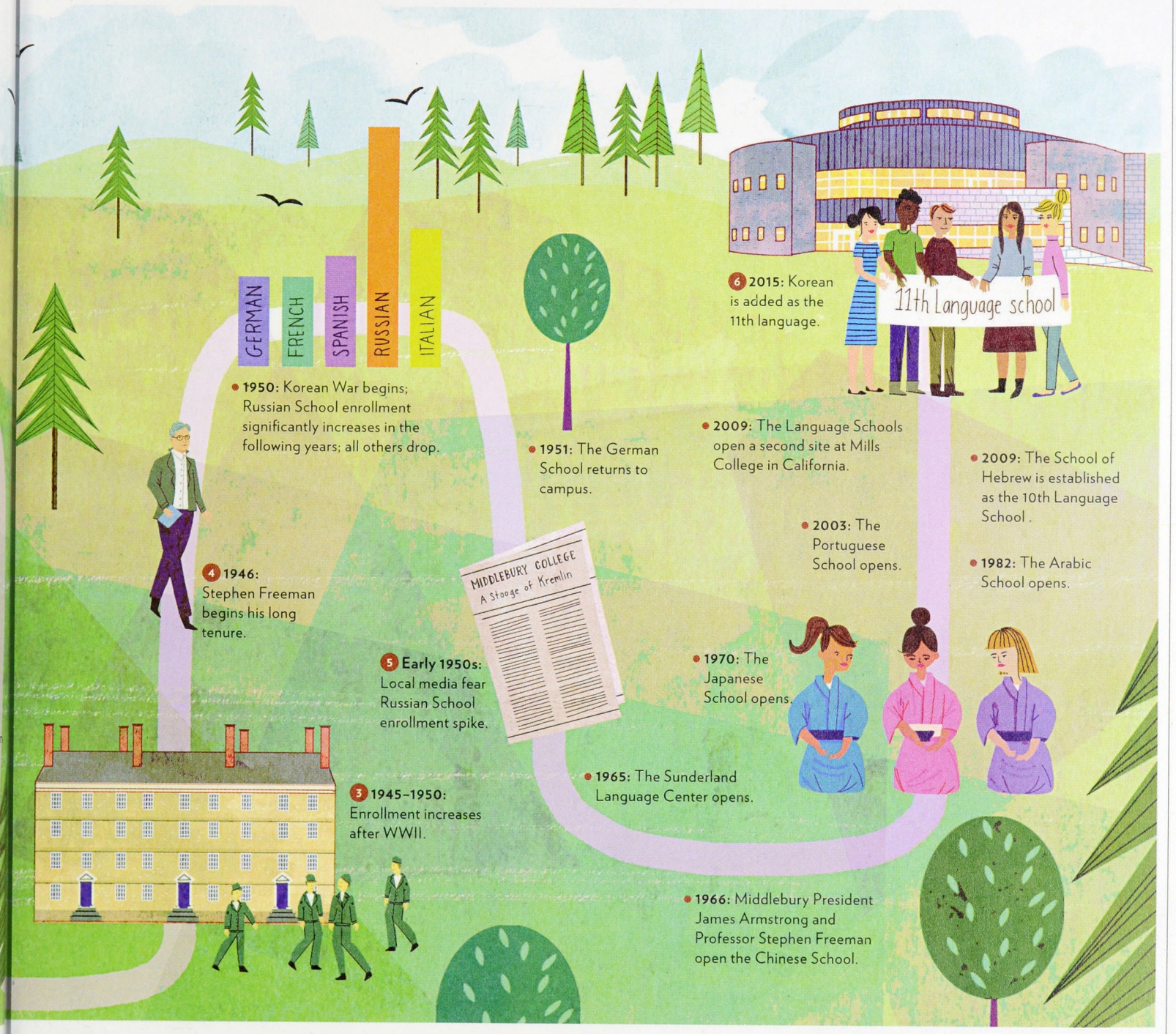
je vais
tu vas
il va
nous allons
vous allez
ils vont
1914: A location is found.
1915: With the blessing of Middlebury President John Thomas, Lilian Stroebe opens the German School.
1916: The French School opens.
1917: The U.S. enters WWI; German enrollment plummets.
1917: The Spanish School opens.
1918: Amid rampant anti-German sentiment in the States, the German School is suspended.
1925: Le Château opens as the home for the French School.
2 1931: The German School reopens—but not on campus.
1932: The Italian School opens.
1944: Lilian Stroebe receives an honorary degree from Middlebury, a doctor of pedagogy.
1945: The Russian School opens.

From Then to Now

In the beginning there was an idea for intensive language learning in relative isolation. A fortuitous train ride brought the idea to Middlebury, where it was planted, nurtured, and grown. One hundred years later, we celebrate the Language Schools.

ILLUSTRATION BY JOSIE PORTILLO



1950: Korean War begins; Russian School enrollment significantly increases in the following years; all others drop.

1951: The German School returns to campus.

6 2015: Korean is added as the 11th language.

2009: The Language Schools open a second site at Mills College in California.

2009: The School of Hebrew is established as the 10th Language School .

2003: The Portuguese School opens.

1982: The Arabic School opens.

4 1946: Stephen Freeman begins his long tenure.

5 Early 1950s: Local media fear Russian School enrollment spike.

1970: The Japanese School opens.

1965: The Sunderland Language Center opens.

3 1945–1950: Enrollment increases after WWII.

1966: Middlebury President James Armstrong and Professor Stephen Freeman open the Chinese School.

1 VIEW FROM THE TRAIN
Vassar prof Marian Whitney is traveling by train through the Champlain Valley when the spires of Middlebury—future home of the Language Schools—catch her eye.

2 THE GERMAN SCHOOL RETURNS
Thirteen years after it closed amid rampant anti-German sentiment, the German School returns to the Language Schools, albeit off campus in Bristol, Vermont.

3 ENROLLMENT BOOST
With the return of American GIs after the end of World War II—and at the outset of the Cold War—enrollments skyrocket, with an emphasis on Russian.

4 MR. LANGUAGE SCHOOLS
Stephen Freeman, a French professor and head of the French School, is named the first director of the Language Schools. He would serve until 1970.

5 RED HYSTERIA
Foreign service officers flock to the Russian School, but regional media fear something sinister is afoot. Many New England newspapers speculate on a Kremlin-influenced plot in Middlebury.

6 DIAMOND ANNIVERSARY
On its centennial, the Language Schools expands adding Korean as the 11th language to be taught in an immersive environment in a small corner of Vermont .

The Art of Birds

In his natural history courses, Professor Stephen Trombulak has been using a 19th-century ornithological collection ever since he discovered the treasure buried in the far reaches of an overcrowded College storage room.

And that's just the beginning of this fascinating tale.

TEXT BY MATT JENNINGS

PHOTOGRAPHY BY ROSAMOND PURCELL

"I REALIZE NOW, after many years of association with colleges and educators and curriculum committees, that we were being unconsciously and pleasantly educated through the bird hobby in ways that we ourselves, let alone our elders, did not dream of."

Albert D. Mead, Middlebury Class of 1890, expressed this sentiment in a letter to Biology Professor Samuel Longwell. Writing in the early 1930s, when he was a trustee, Mead was discussing an ornithological collection he had gifted the College in the hope that Longwell would use it in his courses. Mead had designed the collection, which consisted of Addison County birds captured and "stuffed" (in the parlance of the day) by Mead and his childhood friend Chester Parkhill.

Mead and Parkhill were self-taught, picking up the hobby while in high school after receiving a tutorial from a Middlebury senior named Frank Knowlton (who would later become a paleobotanist of some renown). They continued through Mead's student years at Middlebury. (Parkhill was working on his family's farm.) And as Stephen Trombulak relays later in this photo essay, their work progressed to exacting standards—much of what remains in the teaching collection is of museum quality.

Some mystery still involves parts of the collection (beyond what Trombulak describes in his cover essay on page 1): namely, the provenance of the eggs and mounted birds (such as the Great Horned Owl opposite this page). While all of the museum skins are affixed with labels documenting that Mead and Parkhill collected and prepared them, the mounts and eggs aren't denoted the same way. (Still Trombulak believes that the mounts and eggs *did* come from Mead; more on that later.) What's not in dispute is their value in the classroom. As Trombulak says, "Not a single one of these is replaceable, because it represents the condition of the species at a point in time that we can never go back to."

The collection also displays inherent artistic value. Though Mead reportedly didn't see his work as art, in his letter to Longwell he noted the "graceful lines" and "the texture and the patina" of his specimens. He also likened his and Parkhill's work to that of a sculptor: "[Our work] conduced to attentive study of form and pose in nature, and the bird skin, when freshly mounted, was a plastic medium, identical in texture, of course, with the thing we tried to represent, by which our conjured-up mental images could be adequately represented."

Heightening the artistry are these commissioned works by world-renowned photographer Rosamond Purcell, who is best known for her work with natural history collections, with specific attention paid to birds and eggs. (One of her 12 books is the exquisite *Egg & Nest*.) Purcell spent the better part of two days in Bicentennial Hall exploring these and other teaching collections. Watching her in action, one was reminded of something she told *National Geographic* a few years ago: "I just like the way certain things work. If I don't take a picture of these things," she says, "I just have this feeling that they are going to [disappear] back down that hole. I have to put out a line [with my camera] and get it. It is discovery. I say to myself, 'People *have* to see this.'"

While we're confident that Trombulak won't allow this collection once again to disappear "back down that hole," we completely agree with Purcell's *raison d'être*: people have to see this.

Opposite page: Great Horned Owl

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Left: Though self-taught, Mead and Parkhill amassed a considerable collection. They collected and tagged all these warblers in the spring of 1888, when Mead was a sophomore at Middlebury. The labeling, specifically the meticulous handwriting, is museum-quality, says Trombulak. And the numbers on the tags refer to Mead's field notes—though where those notes ended up is anyone's guess. (Trombulak says Middlebury did not receive any field documentation when it was given the collection.) "Another thing to consider: look how stable these birds are," Trombulak says. "They are still bright yellow after 135 years."

Right: With a few exceptions, the taxidermic mounts didn't have original labels—Trombulak made the label on this house wren—though the Middlebury professor thinks it likely that all of the mounts came from Mead's collection as well.

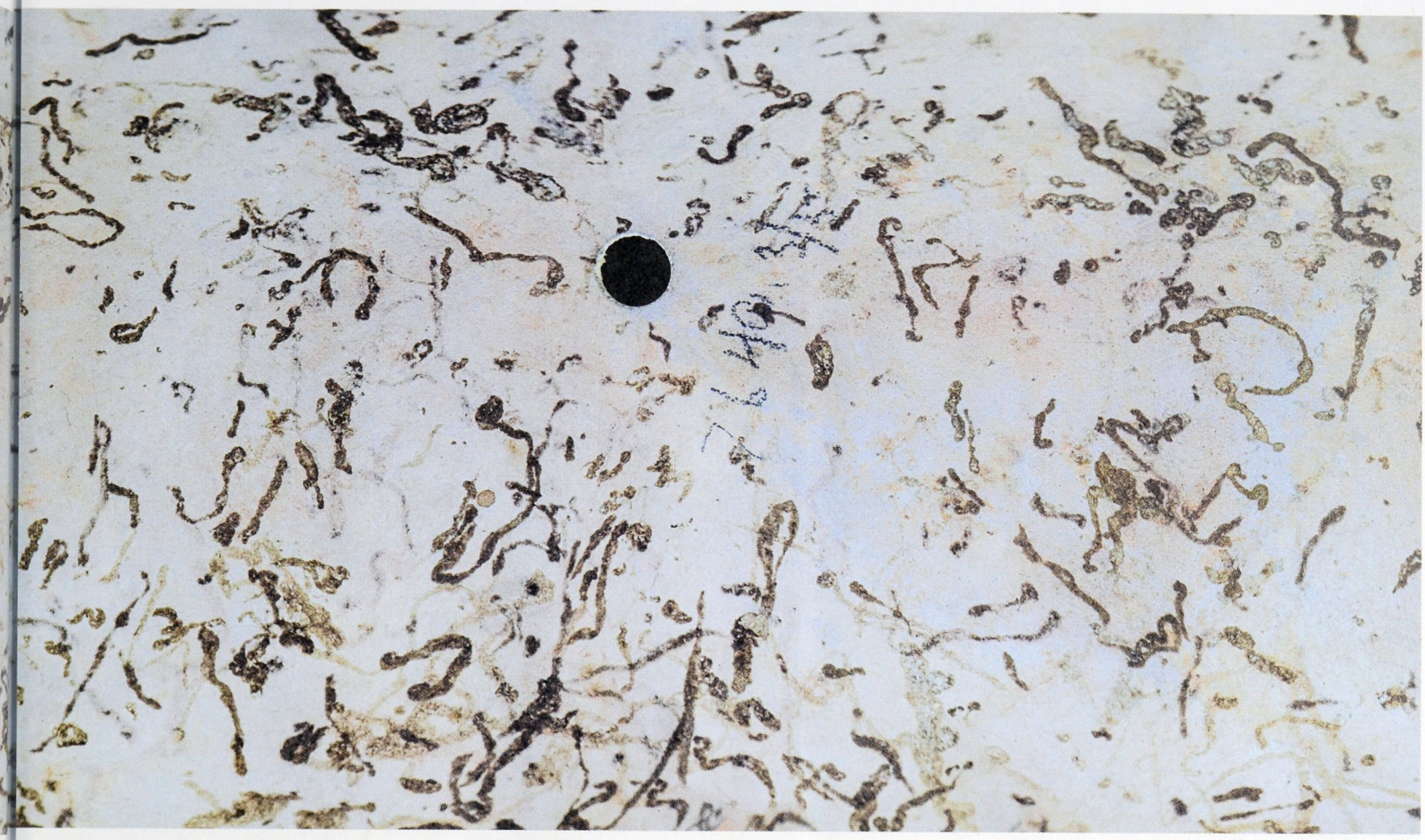
Adds Trombulak: "Each one of these birds is the equivalent of a painting in a museum; it's an original. We talk about genetic diversity in our conservation biology class, and there's a classic paper I introduce on how museum specimens have helped document the decline in genetic diversity in certain populations as a result of the decline in population size. So in theory you could get DNA from this bird and you could say this is what the genome is for this individual. Or if you take all of the individuals of a single species—say those [birds]—you would end up with being able to characterize what the genetic diversity was of the population in Addison County. From the 1880s. It's astounding."

Above: Trombulak says that though the eggs were stored with the bird skins, they all lacked documentable proof regarding who collected them. "Still," he says, "I've always assumed it was Mead. Many come from a similar time period. Others (such as the egg from the Faroe Islands on the cover) are items that any serious collector would want to have." One clue may be a small ornithological directory, dated 1877, found with the eggs that lists a Middlebury resident and recognized ornithologist named Charles Powers as having a collection of 125 eggs for sale.

Like the egg on the cover, this egg features a prominent hole drilled into the shell that indicates a technique of egg collection—called "blowing an egg"—that went out of fashion in the early 20th century. (By the mid-20th century, conservation sentiment made indiscriminate collecting a bad idea.) Trombulak says the value of such an egg—beyond being able to study it—is in the opportunity to learn also about the historical context of its collection.

An egg's surface markings are largely genetically determined, though they can vary from bird to bird, location to location, or even day to day—the theory being that a female bird has more pigments available when she begins ovulating. "I love all of this cryptic coloration," Trombulak says.

This photographic technique of "unrolling an egg" showcases Rosamond Purcell's artistry. What does Purcell see when she works? In her book Egg & Nest, *Purcell writes, "Through the viewfinder, I survey the lay of the land. I size up the surface. Each egg offers up a singular vocabulary of topographical features. The minutiae of the surface of an antique bird egg change it into a landscape. It has no front or back—no boundaries—and any number of possible horizons."*



This egg collection still maintains its original layout—many of the eggs are actually glued to the cotton—and Trombulak believes that this grouping was once part of a public display. He notes both the arrangement as well as the meticulous labeling, which he believes point to the display being intended for the public. Trombulak says he supplemented labels only when one was missing, and that most are original—even if that means an outdated name identifies an egg. "Second from the right, second row from the top," he says. "The Yellow-bellied Woodpecker. That would be a Yellow-bellied Sapsucker today."

"One of the really interesting things about the collection of taxidermic mounts is that because they didn't come with documentation, we don't know for sure that they were collected by Mead and Parkhill," says Trombulak. "But I think it was them. One of the mounts is of a passenger pigeon (not pictured here), which went extinct in 1914, so at a minimum it was contemporaneous with our collectors." Most of the other mounts appear to be from the same era, Trombulak adds. But why didn't they document them the same way they had documented the museum skins? "To me, it means they didn't think of them in the same way that they thought of the museum skins. They were doing the skins to a very exact, professional standard. Maybe the mounts were a lark. It's like they said, 'What the heck, let's see if we can do it.' And they did an amazing job."

And what would a photo essay of an ornithological teaching collection be without an "Easter egg"—that bonus feature often hidden in plain sight? Notice how photographer Rosamond Purcell captures the Addison County landscape and an interior wall of Bicentennial Hall reflected in this owl's eye—its past and current homes.

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LOVE

MODERN

Increasingly discouraged by her failure to engage in a committed relationship in college, a young woman decided to explore the topic at greater depth in her senior thesis. She found out that she was far from alone.

By Leah Fessler '15 ♥ Illustrations by Anna and Elena Balbusso

CONFESSION: I've spent the past four years obsessed with the love lives of Middlebury students. It's not because I'm nosy (though I kind of am); or hypersexual (though all college students kind of are); or out of the loop (I've experienced probably too much). My obsession stems from repeatedly recognizing romantic failure as among the most (if not *the* most) prominent causes of unhappiness, anxiety, and even depression among my female peers—myself included—while at Middlebury.

I should say I'm a white, heterosexual, socioeconomically secure, academically successful woman—and now in a respectful, committed relationship. I'm aware of my privileges. Many of my friends share similar advantages, and one could argue that romantic stress is a privilege in and of itself: we have the mental and emotional energy to engage in and ruminate on romantic experiences, an indulgence many students don't have time for. Still, despite the angst caused by a heavy academic workload, intimate friendships, divided social scenes, career pressure, ceaseless snowfall—nothing seems to bother my friends more than their relationship troubles.

In college I wasn't friends with the entire student body, but think of me as an extroverted extrovert. I'm a talker, a people person, a floater. I have close friends who are artists, athletes, activists, hipsters, nerds, and, like many Middlebury students, I also consider myself all of these things. I ran our campus's most-read student blog, drank on weekends, buried myself in American literature on weekdays, and occasionally (frequently) stressed out in between. I overextended myself in the *mostly* good way Midd Kids know so well. But by the fall of my senior year, I realized that all my female friends—even the one-meal-a-month acquaintances we all have—had experienced at least one relationship-induced episode that left them shaken and morose. My obsession with this calcified, which is how I came to focus my nonfiction creative writing thesis on women's romantic experiences at Middlebury.*

It's a more complicated topic than one might imagine and requires a bit of background: A couple of years ago, a *New York Times* writer named Kate Taylor contributed a piece to the Style section titled "Sex on Campus: She Can Play That Game, Too."

The story opens with a young woman at the University of Pennsylvania who describes her noncommittal-though-sexually-active social status as one predicated on a "cost-benefit" analysis with "low risk and low investment cost." Wrote Taylor: "It's by now pretty well understood that traditional dating in college has mostly gone the way of the landline, replaced by 'hooking up'—an ambiguous term that can signify anything from making out to oral sex to intercourse—without the emotional entanglement of a relationship."

This sounded like Middlebury to me, and a survey I conducted seemed to confirm my observations: While some people date, I found that roughly 81 percent of the students I surveyed participated in hookups, or noncommittal sexual engagements. What troubles me, though, is not the high percentage, but the very definition of hooking up. I'm convinced that hooking up at Middlebury is different than the concept Taylor addresses.

The term is ambiguous, but most people understand it as a one-night stand—a physical encounter between consenting adults without any expectation of emotional investment. And though one-night stands happen at Middlebury, they're not as frequent as you might expect. In fact my survey showed that fewer than 10 percent of sexually active students said they exclusively engaged in one-night stands. The hookup culture most prevalent on campus is something different: two students sexually engaging over the course of many weeks, months, even a year, without officially committing to one another. Or, as many students say, there'd be no "defining it"—that is, they'd not enter a boyfriend/girlfriend relationship with labels, openly express their emotions, or spend time together outside the bedroom. If this seems absurd, disrespectful, and unnatural, that's because, in many ways, it is.

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* *It's important to note that I am interested in the romantic and sexual experiences and desires of Middlebury women who are* not *heterosexual as well, and while I hoped to cover bisexual and lesbian experiences in my thesis work, I had to limit my scope to heterosexual experiences due to a lack of time. Further, I fully intended to write about the experiences and desires of men at Middlebury—I included both genders in my extensive interviewing and surveying—but after feeling overwhelmed by the amount of material I was trying to sift through, my adviser suggested I focus on just one gender for my thesis.*

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DURING THE SPRING OF MY JUNIOR YEAR, I met up with a boy every weekend night. I'd convinced myself that our conversations about Nietzsche meant we were developing something, only to learn months later he "didn't think of me as a human being when we were hooking up." My friend Jen (all names have been changed to preserve anonymity) was excited about a boy she'd been seeing for several months until she learned he was also seeing three other girls. Another friend spoke of a guy she'd hooked up with for a semester: he told her he could be "90 percent committed to her . . . just in case something happens, and I want to see someone else."

While these pseudo-breakups hurt, they *weren't* breakups, and that's what made them so troublesome. Really we only lost the physical nature of the relationship, which we'd attempted to convince ourselves—as our culture regulated—we liked. Worse, we were hiding this guy-related stress, ashamed that such "meaningless" experiences could shake our emotional stability.

But we were distracted from our schoolwork, had withdrawn from socializing, and we were complaining, which evidenced a different reality: my friends and I didn't just want to hook up. In fact, we *hated* hooking up. We wanted commitment, labels, love. We wanted real, live, official relationships. And this reality made us feel like idiots.

So why were we engaging in such hookups? Because everyone around us appeared happy doing so and no one we knew dated, so we assumed that ultimately we'd be happy too. We also enjoyed the initial attraction, attention, and excitement, even if that seems vapid. Yet we were raised to believe in female independence, power, and equality. Unlike our parents or grandparents, we didn't necessarily choose to be feminists—those who wholeheartedly advocate for the social, political, and economic equality of the sexes—we just *were*.

As we were socialized to believe real feminists thrived off noncommittal sex, we thought being fulfilled by monogamous heterosexual relationships seemed paradoxical. Our identities seemingly required we share in romantic ambivalence. But our inability to be ambivalent created dissonance in us.

THERE'S AN INTERESTING DIVIDE between how scholastic journals and popular publications like the *Atlantic* or the *Times* examine the hookup culture.

Most sociological studies evince concern for the hookup culture's detrimental effects on women—as most female interviewees hoped hookups would evolve into a relationship, while most men preferred no-strings-attached. Yet these studies offer few suggestions beyond abstention, which doesn't seem realistic. Moreover, these scholastic publications—being expensive outside academia and little known—don't have large cultural influence.

But what about the publications we do read?

Almost every widely shared article about hooking up endorses the idea that the hookup culture is compatible with the lifestyles of busy, career-driven women. This much-cited claim by Hanna Rosin, which was published in the *Atlantic*, perhaps best summarizes this perspective:

"To put it crudely, feminist progress right now largely depends on the existence of a hookup culture. And to a surprising degree, it is women—not men—who are perpetuating the culture, especially in school, cannily manipulating it to make space for their success, always keeping their own ends in mind. For college girls these days, an overly serious suitor fills the same role as an accidental pregnancy did in the 19th century: a danger to be avoided at all costs, lest it get in the way of a promising future."

I KNEW I SHOULD TRUST THE STUDIES on the (albeit dusty) Davis Library shelves more than the popular media. And yet I couldn't shake my frustration over my inability to embrace these anti-monogamous ideals. If the Ivy League women cited in the *Times* could embrace "low risk, low investment hookups," couldn't I do the same? I soon found out that it wasn't just me and my friends who were unhappy "playing that game."

After interviewing 75 students and analyzing 314 online surveys, I was astounded by female students' unanimous preferences not for the

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hookup culture—but against it. Despite having diverse initial perceptions about hookup culture, 100 percent of female interviewees stated a clear preference for committed relationships. And 74 percent of female survey respondents reported that, ideally, they would be in a "committed relationship with one person" at Middlebury.

Further, 91 percent of female respondents presently in a committed relationship with a Middlebury student (or alum) reported to be "very happy" or "happy" with their situation, while a whopping zero percent of those consistently sexually engaged with one person—but who haven't discussed their exclusivity—said that they are "very happy." (Eight percent are "happy.") And fewer than 20 percent of single and sexually disengaged female respondents said they were "happy" with their situation. Only about 35 percent of female respondents (and 44 percent of male respondents) find noncommittal sexual engagements fulfilling in the moment and feel fine about them later. The rest are generally dissatisfied.

Also illuminating are the interviewees' reflections.

Kelsey, now graduated, spoke to many interviewees' experiences. After engaging in a Middlebury hookup for more than two months, she found that her stability crashed after an unexpected "cut-the-cord" talk:

"I barely slept that night. I was just *crushed*, and that went on from January to July, at least... [the next semester] he wouldn't talk to me. It was really hard because he went from being someone I could tell anything to, who knew everything about me, to someone who wouldn't acknowledge me at all, and I think that was the hardest part—that it shifted so fast. I'd see him everywhere and it hurt every single time, because I simultaneously hated him and wanted his acceptance."

Almost every female interviewee echoed Kelsey's sentiments, if not experience. They reported feeling frustrated over sexual partners' conflation of "exclusivity" and "seriousness"; disappointment over their inabilities to divorce physical intimacy from emotional investment; and confusion over how to hone even friendships without having their sexual partners perceive them as "clingy," "crazy," or "aggressive." (All terms in quotes were theirs, not mine.)

Kelsey went on to say that post-pseudo-breakup, she initially embraced the "traditional hookup culture" (as described by Kate Taylor in her *Times* article), but after a brief period of feeling empowered, she was left with "this emptiness in my stomach, this loneliness, again and again."

She added: "I tried to convice myself that this 'freedom' is what I wanted, but I knew that what I was really craving was a relationship."

I'VE GOT MANY PET PEEVES, but sanctimony definitely tops the list. So as one who aggressively preaches female independence, I deemed myself a hypocrite for concluding almost all heterosexual Middlebury women want, maybe even *need*, committed men.

But now I'm coming to the conclusion that I might not be hypocritical at all. I'd believed that liberal feminists should enjoy, even pursue, casual sex—an idea rooted in the notion that women don't innately crave commitment, and that society manipulates such dependency to promote patriarchal female oppression. But if feminism is about promoting female equality and happiness, then pushing ourselves to engage in noncommittal sexual relations we consistently dislike is moving us as *far* from feminism as possible.

Hookup culture traditionally influences men to prefer noncommittal sexual engagements. However, in my survey, more than 70 percent of male respondents indicated they want to be in a committed relationship at Middlebury; only six percent of male respondents said they hoped to participate in casual hookups without the desire to ultimately commit.

So I worry that women are inadvertently confirming a culturally manipulated (and likely unrealistic) male perspective is not only normative, but superior. By actively subscribing to unconfirmed male "preferred" sexual behavior as a means of "sexual liberation," women might be bolstering—rather than reacting against—societally primed male dominance. Ironically, both partners in this dance might be equally unhappy with the outcome.

Having confronted my own romantic desires and learned that hundreds of peers similarly crave stability, I've come to feel confident, hopeful, and empowered. Perhaps by recognizing that independence and codependence are not mutually exclusive, we (intelligent, self-sufficient Middlebury women *and* men) can seek romance, express emotions, and share with sexual partners without losing any semblance of ourselves.

Maybe we've been playing the wrong game all along. M

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For the past year, Leah has been in a committed relationship and reports to be very happy.

Meet the Williams brothers—Tyler '06, Evan '08, and Griffin (left to right)—the trio behind Flying Lion Brewing.

The Business of Beer

Making a living brewing craft beer requires precision, science, business savvy, and more than a touch of zaniness.

By Maddie Oatman '08
Photographs by Kyle Johnson

It's Friday evening, right around happy-hour time, but Evan Williams '08 looks more ready for a marathon than a drink. Decked out in blue shorts and a jersey picturing the Cascade Mountain Range, he's addressing a crowd of 15 or so runners on Rainier Avenue in Seattle's leafy Columbia City neighborhood. After thanking everyone for showing up, he describes the route they are about to run, warning about a confusing tangle of streets in the second half of the five miles.

Evan's brother Tyler '06, as sturdy as Evan is stringy, flanks him on the left. "Are we ready?" Evan shouts. "This might hurt a little," Tyler mutters as he begins jogging away. Evan gestures in Tyler's direction. "All right—let's go!"

To a passerby, it might appear that the Williams brothers are in the business of coaching. But at the end of the jaunt they've organized—which wends past soggy soccer fields, under blooming cherry trees, and around Lake Washington, with its glowing house lights strung like baubles around the water—sits their real venture: Flying Lion Brewing. The Williams's thousand-square-foot microbrewery pours a rotating collection of six original beers, painstakingly crafted and brewed by Evan's and Tyler's brother, Griffin.

Getting the small operation off the ground was a family effort. Evan, drawing from his Middlebury physics major, wired the control circuit and helped design the bicycle-powered barley mill. Griffin built the bar and tables with excavated wood from the building. And Tyler, an MIT-trained economist who works for Amazon, sketched a business plan and now does much of the accounting. (Their father, a food chemist, has helped the brothers experiment with home-brew recipes, while a fourth brother, Conor, lends support from afar; he's a policy researcher in Washington, D.C.)

When Flying Lion opened in October 2014, it joined hundreds of other microbreweries, which are becoming as ubiquitous as hipster coffee shops in urban and rural locales alike. Yet even as these operations proliferate, they can't seem to keep apace with a growing population of beer evangelists thirsty for the latest offering. For the first few days that Flying Lion was open, "people were standing in between the kettles and tanks" because it was so crowded, says Evan. Just months in, "we are having to turn down distribution deals with restaurants because we need all of our supply for the tasting room."

Craft breweries—independent outfits that produce fewer than six million barrels annually—make up a modest but quickly growing slice of the market. In the late 1800s, these small alehouses were as commonplace as corner stores in American cities, a time when hop barons were as powerful as today's corn farmers. But the industry nose-dived during Prohibition, ushering in an era of relatively bland suds mass-produced

by the likes of Anheuser-Busch. But when a San Francisco entrepreneur named Fritz Maytag bought Bay Area favorite Anchor Brewery in 1965, he opted to keep it small-scale and focused on producing his favorite beer, Anchor Steam, which was as bold in flavor as Big Beer's offerings were weak. Maytag's decision in turn influenced home brewer Jack McAuliffe, who in 1976 opened the hyperlocal New Albion Brewing Company in Sonoma, California—credited by many as the modern era's first microbrewery.

Soon a restless group of do-it-yourselfers on both coasts began to revisit the idiosyncratic beers of the pre-Prohibition era. Books like Michael Jackson's *World Guide to Beer* and *The Complete Joy of Homebrewing* by Charlie Papazian (who still heads the Brewers Association) helped catalyze the renaissance. Flavors grew bolder as the hop-crammed West Coast India Pale Ale emerged; ancient fermentation methods were dusted off, and brands began to dabble in "extreme beer," incorporating spices and quirky materials into their brews in order to rebel against the previous decades' "industrialized, monochromatic beer," as Dogfish Head founder Sam Calagione described the weak brew.

To help harness the movement, the board of the Brewers Association voted in 2005 to define a craft brewer as someone whose operation produces fewer than two million barrels annually (now six million); is less than 25 percent owned by a non-craft-brewer; and uses traditional processes and ingredients, generally including malted barley.

FOR NEARLY FOUR DECADES after Anchor Brewery reopened, craft beer businesses made up just a sliver of the industry. But in the last few years, Big Beer's hold has started to slip: in 2014, for the first time, craft brewers reached over 10 percent of the overall market share by volume. "When you ask younger beer drinkers, one of the most important parts of why they choose certain beers over others is whether they are local and independent," explains Bart Watson, the lead economist for the Brewers Association, the craft industry's main trade group. The number of craft barrels produced nationally more than doubled between 2010 and 2014, pumping $33.9 billion into the economy in 2012. In the foodie mecca of San Francisco, the number of craft ventures is expected to double by 2016. New York saw 67 new breweries open in 2014 alone; the state of Washington welcomed 83.

Evan and Tyler Williams aren't the only Middlebury alumni to take the leap into craft beer. Well before Flying Lion, there was Allagash Brewing Company in Maine, started in 1995 by Rob Tod '91, who recognized the dearth of Belgian-style beers west of the Atlantic. And then there's Matthew Osterman, who sidestepped law school after graduating from Middlebury in 2006 in order to pursue a career in suds. This past January he opened Sleeping Giant Brewing Company, the first contract-only brewery west of Minnesota. Different brands commission contract breweries to make extra batches of their product when space is tight. Sleeping Giant is the first one to cater specifically to craft shops, and it aims to help small brands like Flying Lion grow.

Using a liberal arts degree from a prestigious college to spend hours mucking floors and stirring large vats of wort to make beer wasn't always in the master plan for these alumni (nor in their parents'). But then again, at its best, craft brewing requires an unusual blend of creativity, scientific mastery, business savvy, and deep reservoirs of persistence and zeal. As the Brewers Association will tell you, it's about more than a malty beverage—craft brewers are highly skilled artisans who "tend to be very involved in their communities."

I VISITED FLYING LION IN FEBRUARY, just a few months after it had opened its doors. Columbia City is a picturesque neighborhood wedged between low hills in the Rainier Valley south of downtown Seattle, and it prides itself on being one of the most diverse zip codes in the United States. On Rainier Avenue, the neighborhood's main thoroughfare, bakeries and pizzerias alternate with Senegalese eateries and Vietnamese bánh mì shops. A sign in a bookstore window reads: "We stand behind the family of Michael Brown." Flying Lion Brewing, down the road, counts among its neighbors the Hummingbird Saloon ("Food served late/Beer to go"), Full Tilt Ice Cream, Discotera Los Tres Reyes, Bilaal Mini Market, a boarded up Vietnamese billiard hall, and a restaurant dishing up Kenyan cuisine.

When I opened the glass front door of Flying Lion, I was hit by a smell resembling warm molasses cake—the brothers were brewing. Small wooden tables and a bar sit at the front of the narrow building, but it was easy for me to see all the way through to the back where the squat boiling and fermentor tanks are housed. On the wall, painted a rusty red, Griffin's kayak hangs like a massive frozen swordfish. And above the bar area, with its seven stools, rests a chalkboard boasting the pints on tap, $5 a pop. That day: Single-Hop Pale, Another IPA, Red IPA, Robust Porter, Chili Chocolate Porter, and a Belgian Quad.

Griffin, 25, the youngest brother and head brewer, is a slender 6'4", with closely cropped black hair and a brooding look. I found him intently sweeping the floor, and he paused only for a moment to meet me before resuming the task. Evan, 29, slightly shorter and more muscular, has dusty auburn hair, jade green eyes, and a flattened nose. He's effusive and sociable, and prone to launch into detailed explanations of the scientific underpinnings of his surroundings without much warning. He hustled over to meet me and within minutes was rattling off the steps required to brew. (*See infographic on page 48.*)

Griffin has been perfecting this process for at least five years. Though he did well at Carleton College, he found himself more interested in brewing beer for his friends than studying. After working as a geologist in Minneapolis for a stint, he traded in the post for a job in a home-brew shop. He harbored dreams of opening his own place where he could

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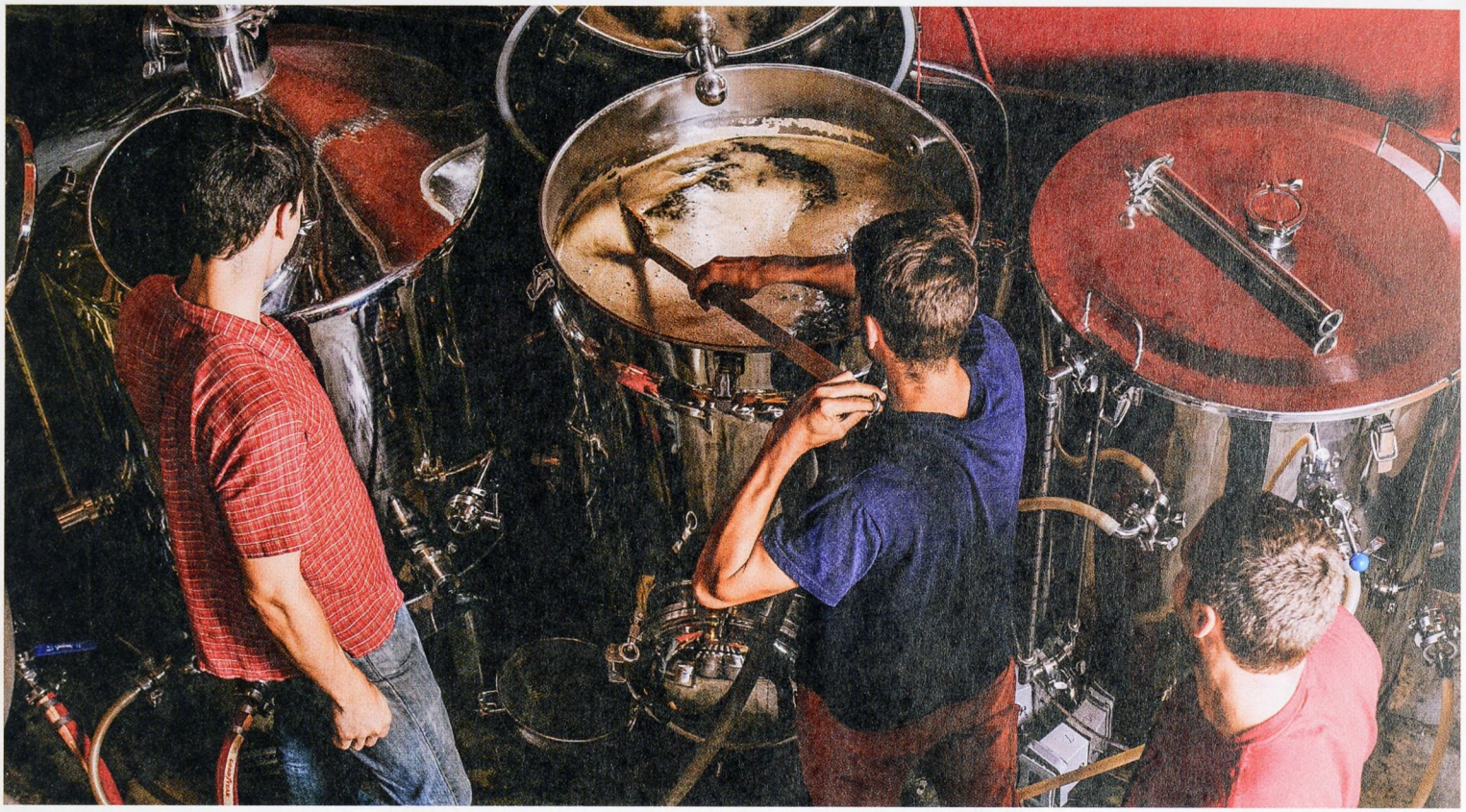

make beer in larger quantities and witness people savoring his creations. Evan and Tyler had always joked about opening a family brewery; they both lived in Seattle at the time, and they lured Griffin out west with a promise to help him open Flying Lion.

Tyler, 30, was already well established in Seattle. After earning a PhD in economics at MIT and playing semi-professional rugby in Boston, he'd moved out with his wife, Julie (Gross) '06, to start a job as a strategist at Amazon. A barrel-chested man with twinkly eyes and chestnut hair, he shares his flattened nose with Evan and has a slight lisp, which comes off as charming when combined with his ever-present smile.

Tyler hit up two friends from his Middlebury rugby days to invest in Flying Lion. With more cash from the Williams's parents and some money secured from the crowd-funding site CrowdBrewed.com, the brothers raised under a quarter million dollars and got to work on the space in 2013. "The beer was the least of our worries," says Tyler. The brothers already knew that Griffin would churn out a quality product. Indeed, when it comes to Griffin's beer, remarks Flying Lion's bartender Captain Clark, "we'll get guys in here who've been in the industry for 10 or 15 years who'll take a sip of it, look at it, look at Griffin and see how young he is, and shake their heads. His recipe formulation is just phenomenal."

OPENING A BREWERY isn't just about fermentation and microbiology, explains Justin Gerardy, owner of Seattle's Standard Brewing, who gave the Williams some precious tips when they first started out. "There are building codes, so many agencies to report to, tax rates—you have to become an expert in 10 different fields to make it happen. It's a very difficult process; anyone who gets into it earns my respect."

The brothers filed for permits and prepared all of their operating documents themselves. When it finally opened in October 2014, Flying Lion celebrated by perching bluegrass musicians on the loft where hops and grain are stored to serenade its new customers.

Though by definition craft brewers adhere to the traditional brewing process, they often get wacky with flavors. According to the Brewers Association, "the hallmark of craft beer and craft brewers is innovation. Craft brewers interpret historic styles with unique twists and develop new styles that have no precedent." Jim Koch, the founder of the Boston Beer Company and creator of Samuel Adams beer, once told the *New Yorker*, "When you're trying to create new brewing techniques and beer styles, you have to have a certain recklessness."

The Williams, especially Evan and Tyler, like to flirt with the edge. "We do a lot of goofy shit," Tyler says, whereas Griffin's more likely to edit and improve their recipes until the quality's right. During one of the brothers' annual home-brewing competitions, Tyler put so many serranos, habaneros, and jalapeños in a porter, "one girl choked as she was judging it." The beer came in dead last. "There's a reason I'm not the head brewer," Tyler concedes.

One of the brothers' porters requires about 200 pounds of sweet potatoes, which equates to a quarter of a pound per pint. Griffin convinced nearby Columbia City Bakery to let him roast the potatoes in the restaurant's industrial ovens. The tuber serves beer well; its high starch content converts easily to sugars and therefore alcohol, and the potatoes also possess the same enzyme as barley. Other unusual ingredients they've incorporated include cacao nibs, ginger, birch wood in an imperial rye stout, and locally gathered spruce tips.

Flying Lion has tried to make a name for itself by focusing on porters and stouts. "We wanted more dark beers in Seattle," Tyler notes. "We were tired of hunting around." Yet their best-selling beer remains their Another IPA. "Aren't you focusing away from IPAs?" I ask Griffin. He laughs and shakes his head. "You can try, but people drink the heck out

FLYING LION CRAFT BREWERY

TODAY'S FLAVOR

COFFEE STOUT

WITH A TOUCH OF RYE

5 PERCENT ALCOHOL CONTENT

WITH THE CURRENT EQUIPMENT, THEY CAN MAKE **3** BATCHES OR **10** BARRELS OF BEER AT **31** GALLONS EACH.

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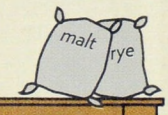

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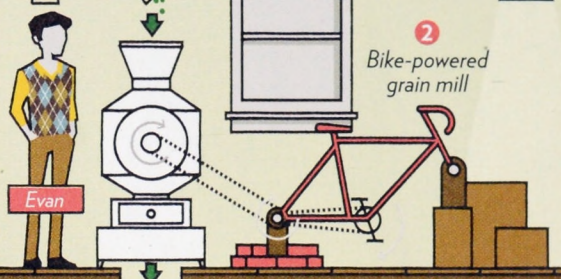
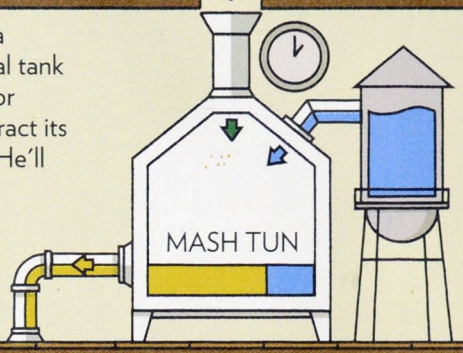


2 *Bike-powered grain mill*

3 The mixture soaks in a dog-house-sized metal tank called the *Mash Tun* for around an hour to extract its flavors and enzymes. He'll drain the dark sludge and....



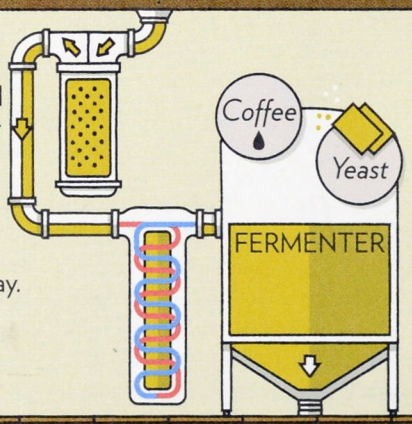
Yeast added later will digest that sugar and turn it to alcohol.

4 ...export the resulting *Wort* into the boil kettle, where he adds *Hops* and boils it for another hour.

Hops

As with sourdough starter, the brothers keep around 10 percent of every yeast mixture they use and then reuse it nine more times.

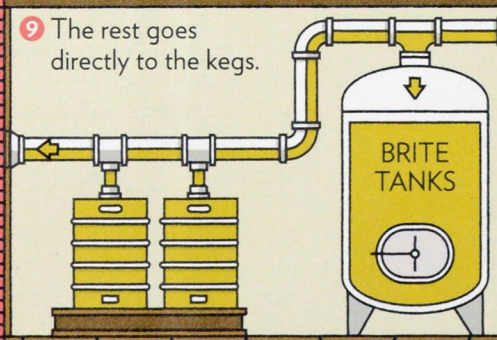
5 He then *filters* out the wort and chills it in a *Heat Exchanger* and then feeds it, lukewarm, into the *Fermentor* about a foot away.



6 Dark-roasted coffee added in the fermentor gives the beer its finishing flavors. The beer will ferment with help from a thick caramel-colored liquid that resembles a strong, frothy latte: the yeast.

7 Evan empties two jars of yeast into the fermentor, swirling it up against the sides to make sure every last active drop is absorbed.

9 The rest goes directly to the kegs.



8 After fermenting and settling for two to three weeks, the beer will be transferred to both *Brite Tanks* (basically large, fancy kegs) or smaller *Kegs* where the beer is conditioned and extra carbonation is added. Because they are larger capacity, Brite Tanks are used for top sellers.

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of IPA." Indeed, of the 10 or so Flying Lion beers I tasted, the Another IPA was one of my clear favorites—crisp and fruity with just the right balance of bitter Simcoe hops.

After we finished the tasting of coffee stout wort, Griffin got busy hosing out the mash tun and mopping the floor. Dressed in black muck boots and camel-brown cords, he cleaned with a methodical rhythm gained from caring for this equipment every single day, six or seven days a week. Every so often, the former competitive kayaker would kick a lever without even needing to look at it while simultaneously switching off a hose with his hand. Evan admired his brother from a few feet away. "He has an athletic brewing style, doesn't he? There's a coordination and choreography to it."

If Griffin's the highly skilled workhorse of the three, Evan's the zealous dreamer. Enrolled as a master's student at the University of Washington, he spends fewer hours at the brewery than Griffin, but frequently tests new recipes by brewing 10-gallon batches at home. Evan's physics background propelled some of the brewery's core operational functions. He pushed for the Raspberry Pi Linux computer system and helped Griffin create the glycol chilling system by hacking an old air-conditioning unit. His pride and joy is the barley mill, which is powered, like a hamster wheel, by the force of human feet—the mill is connected to a bicycle, and grinds through the 270 pounds of grain needed to fuel one batch of Flying Lion's beer in roughly 25 minutes. "There's so much demand from our customers to help us mill, we hardly pedal it ourselves," he boasts. (Do the customers get a free beer for their labor? Not yet, but Evan says he's been meaning to hop on the bike with a heart-rate monitor and figure out how many calories it takes to mill. "Then we would compensate the same number of calories in beer. I like to abide by the conservation of energy law.")

Evan never fails to appear on Friday nights for the five-mile brewery run he organizes, which is free and open to the public. He's designed the route to appear from above like the perimeter of the Flying Lion logo—a lion with wings.

At the end of that week's jog, we convened to stretch in front of the brewery and then all tucked inside, beet-cheeked and glistening from rain and sweat. Over pints of porter, I struck up a conversation with shaggy-haired Eli Gardner, a RISD-trained architect, who recently moved to Columbia City from the East Coast. He and his girlfriend were enjoying the neighborhood well enough, except "there are not a lot of young people here," he said. Flying Lion was one of the few nearby locales still buzzing on a Friday night. Eli describes its beers as "meaty." He's a fan of the brewery's darker offerings, especially the chili chocolate porter he was drinking that night. Sure, the potent brew was a draw, but for him, being there was "less about the beer and more about the hanging out."

In the few months it's been open, Flying Lion has already become a gathering spot. Though I watched plenty of flannel-clad 20-somethings populate the taproom, I also noticed punks in black leather, middle-aged couples, pony-tailed joggers, dudes on Macbooks, and families with toddlers relaxing in the small but welcoming space. Cycling clubs, book clubs, and knitting clubs meet there, and a nearby food bank hosts its monthly board meeting on the premises. "The beer brings people together," says Evan, and it helps "brainstorming and action begin for all things in the neighborhood."

Around 9 p.m., most of the runners had drifted off or gone to change clothes. Evan eyed his empty glass, and then glanced at the bar, where Griffin was rapidly refreshing pints for the crowd. Rather than interfere to refill our glasses, Evan ran to the back and retrieved a reserve growler of pitch-black beer, a Coconut Maple Porter. "We still haven't figured out what the owner drinking policy is," he said sheepishly, "or whether we should drink our own beer at all." I tasted the porter, and the nostalgic flavors of an Almond Joy flooded my mouth.

Unlike most of the taprooms in the city, which close as early as 6 p.m., Flying Lion stays open until midnight. That night, a group of customers hosting a going-away party for a couple moving to Duluth squeezed around a table heaped with Vietnamese spring rolls. Tyler's adorable curly-haired toddler, Augie, raced his toy ambulance all over the chalkboard table, unfazed by the clamor around him.

There was finally a lull, and Griffin came over to take a break. "This week's making me a little nervous," he said, rubbing his eyes. "I can't brew fast enough." Columbia City drinks 150–200 gallons of Flying Lion's offerings a week. Griffin hasn't ever run out of any of the six taps, "but it's been close lately."

Though Flying Lion's making money and quickly finding its place in the neighborhood, the brothers understand that their situation is still precarious. Griffin must pour all of his waking hours into the operation, working 12-hour days just to brew fast enough. Sometimes he can't sleep at night because he's worried about where he'll source hops, the furry green flowers that give beer its bitterness and aroma. He purchases the buds on the spot market, which can be frustratingly unpredictable. "I never expected I'd spend so much time online looking for hops," he says. Prized Centennial hops are already all sold out until 2016.

As Tyler puts it, a business this small-scale has its struggles. "Right now, we run a six-hour brew day," he explains. With more hands and better equipment, "we could make five to 10 times the amount of beer in just a seven-hour brew day."

ROB TOD REMEMBERS A SIMILAR PREDICAMENT—one that lasted an entire decade. Tod first broke ground on his Portland, Maine-based brewery, Allagash Brewing, in 1995. Allagash produced 120 barrels the first year, but after 10 years, it had only grown enough to spit out three or four thousand. "Relative to what's happening today, that's extremely slow growth," Tod says. Those first years "were a grind, to say the least."

Part of the reason Allagash first faltered—and likely also the reason it ultimately thrived—was Tod's insistence on being different. No one was doing Belgian-style beers on the East Coast before he took the leap. His first brew became his flagship: the Allagash White, a white or "wit" ale, made with wheat instead of barley and drawing on notes of coriander and orange peel. Allagash's Dubbel Ale drew on techniques from Trappist monks and used seven kinds of malt and a proprietary strain of yeast. The resulting brew poured a hazy amber color, with hints of fig and a "wine-like complexity," as one reviewer noted. But funky flavors aside, Tod wasn't the only brewer to suffer during the 1990s. More than 700 craft breweries had opened in the U.S. during that period, but the lack of distribution and confusion about the new elixirs caused many of them to fizzle out.

Undeterred, Tod kept plugging away at the essential things: making high-quality suds, deepening relationships with customers and distributors, and educating people about the beauty of the wide-ranging and eclectic Belgian varieties, from lagers to lambics to tripels. In 2001, he started experimenting with bottle conditioning—adding yeast and sugar into the bottle before sealing it, causing the beer to ferment naturally and allowing its flavors to evolve over time. A few years down the line, he tried his hand at wild yeast fermentation, whereby wort is left uncovered and attracts natural microorganisms that colonize and ferment it into beer, as with blue cheese. For our overpasteurized and sanitized society, these techniques seemed like heresy. But thanks in

part to pioneers like Tod, Americans are growing fonder of the sour fruits of fermentation—from kombucha to kimchi to pickled garden vegetables and unfiltered wine.

After limping along for a decade, Allagash turned a corner around 2005. Tod can't think of one specific thing that changed: "We just kept hammering away and finally got traction." The company now pumps out 75,000 barrels of beer a year to taps across the country and expects to double that after its current 18,000-square-foot remodel. (By way of comparison, New Belgium Brewing produces around a million barrels a year.) In 2015, Tod celebrated Allagash's 20th anniversary. And after barely making a profit for years, the company donated $240,000 to the Maine community last year through its Tribute Series, which allots a dollar per beer sold to local nonprofits.

A University of Maine study predicts that craft beer will quadruple its presence in the state over the next four years. Tod enjoys the company and competition, though he's somewhat glad he didn't start a brewery during today's boom. "A lot of those breweries haven't been through the tough times. From the moment they open their doors, there's been a rush of customers wanting to drink their beer," he says. New brewers might not face anything akin to Allagash's 10 long years of solitary dabbling and stubborn growth. But Tod's far from bitter: "I look at it as a blessing for us, because those times teach you discipline."

BREWERIES WHO FIND PATRONS lining up outside their doors—and worrying about having enough beer to go around—Tod might as well have been describing Flying Lion. "We are selling about three times the amount of beer we expected to," Evan tells me. The Williamses plan to keep their operation small for now. But not all new ventures are content with maintaining a modest presence in the face of such demand. Those needing to scale up quickly can now turn to Sleeping Giant, the contract brewery out of Denver run by Matthew Osterman.

After teaching for a few years after college and toying with the idea of applying to law school, Osterman found that what most interested him was beer. (An interest many young grads have, yes, but Osterman's was as intellectual as it was recreational.) He almost opened his own brewery in Steamboat Springs with a friend, but quickly realized he was getting in over his head. So he took a step backward and got a job running operations for Boulder-based New Planet, a brewery specializing in gluten-free brews, and picked up back-to-back medals at the Great American Beer Festival during his tenure.

To make enough beer for the growing number of gluten-intolerant ale enthusiasts, New Planet relied on contract brewing—which is essentially renting out a larger brewery's services and space to make beer using your product's recipe. "A lot of brewers are growing rapidly, but are capacity constrained," says Brewers Association economist Bart Watson. "Partnering with a contract brewer can be one way to increase your capacity and get a foothold in the market."

While at New Planet, Osterman noticed how unfair contract brewing could sometimes be for the smaller fish, because a large beer company would always prioritize its own beer. "Your house brands are your top priority—they are worth more to you emotionally and financially," Osterman explains.

He also remembers a valuable lesson from a J-term class at Middlebury. "There are two intelligent approaches to entrepreneurship: either innovate or create," he says. "Improve upon an existing solution or figure out a problem without a good solution and create it." There weren't any companies west of the Mississippi dedicated solely to contract brewing, nor only to craft. Osterman had found his niche. He hired two longtime Coors employees to manage the brewing side of things and invested in a 70,000-square-foot warehouse in southwest Denver. The space now houses a quality lab, 11 fermentation tanks, an exquisite Italian GAI bottling line, canning equipment, and a mash filter press—a sleek machine whose purpose is not unlike a coffee-geek's Aeropress; it forces hot water through barley in much less time than gravity would, using less water and in essence doubling Sleeping Giant's efficiency.

Since Sleeping Giant opened in January, Frisco's Backcountry Brewery, Venice, California's House Beer, and roughly 20 other brands have signed on. With additional equipment, Osterman expects to double the brewery's production to 65,000 annual barrels by September.

AS OF THE FIRST QUARTER OF 2015, brewers are peddling nearly 12,000 craft brands in bars, restaurants, and grocery stores across the country. Some worry that the market is becoming saturated; peak craft could be nigh. But the Brewers Association remains cheerful, boasting that "there has never been a better time or place to drink beer than in the U.S. right now." Standard Brewing's Justin Gerardy echoes the enthusiasm: "Everybody in the brewing community is incredibly open and helpful; we're all learning from each other all the time, and we're all excited about where it's headed."

Since February, Flying Lion has hired a new full-time bartender: Captain Clark, the baker who used to let the Williams brothers roast sweet potatoes in the oven at Columbia City Bakery. Because of his experience with bread, says Evan, "Captain has a lot of knowledge of how wild yeast and sour beers might work—he might help us make the leap into that side of brewing." Hiring Clark full time has also allowed Griffin more normal hours. "I think he even has a girlfriend now—it's been good for him," Evan adds. Local restaurants recently started serving Flying Lion's brews, and one bar down the street has them permanently on tap.

The brothers do dream of one day expanding their operation, and not just to increase their output. "We've been kicking around the idea of opening a brewery where people can come in and learn how to brew their own recipes on a big system," explains Tyler. "Then we put the beers on tap so you can bring your friends in to try it out, along with other people's efforts."

In the meantime, Evan just helped Griffin install a new chilling system and build a sidewalk patio where customers can cavort outside. He's still home-brewing in his spare time; his latest experiment doubles as an energy drink. "I wanted to make something that might make me feasibly faster if I stopped to drink it during a marathon or a trail run," he tells me over the phone, a day before running the Eugene Marathon in 2 hours and 41 minutes. He based the "PNW Ultra" beer, as he's calling it, on the Mexican Tarahumara of *Born to Run* fame, who sometimes down a weak corn-based beer before taking off on their epic 200-mile hauls. Evan's beer includes cornmeal and caramelized barley, making it light and sugary, tempered with a healthy dose of Pacific Northwest hops. "Its malty sweetness would hopefully give you energy to run farther," he explains, and "the alcohol content might numb you for the remainder of your run." He's thinking about adding a pinch of salt to the finished product for electrolytes.

"That's quite an experiment," I tell him. There's a pause on the line. "It's not very good yet," he concedes. "But it could be worse. We'll get there." M

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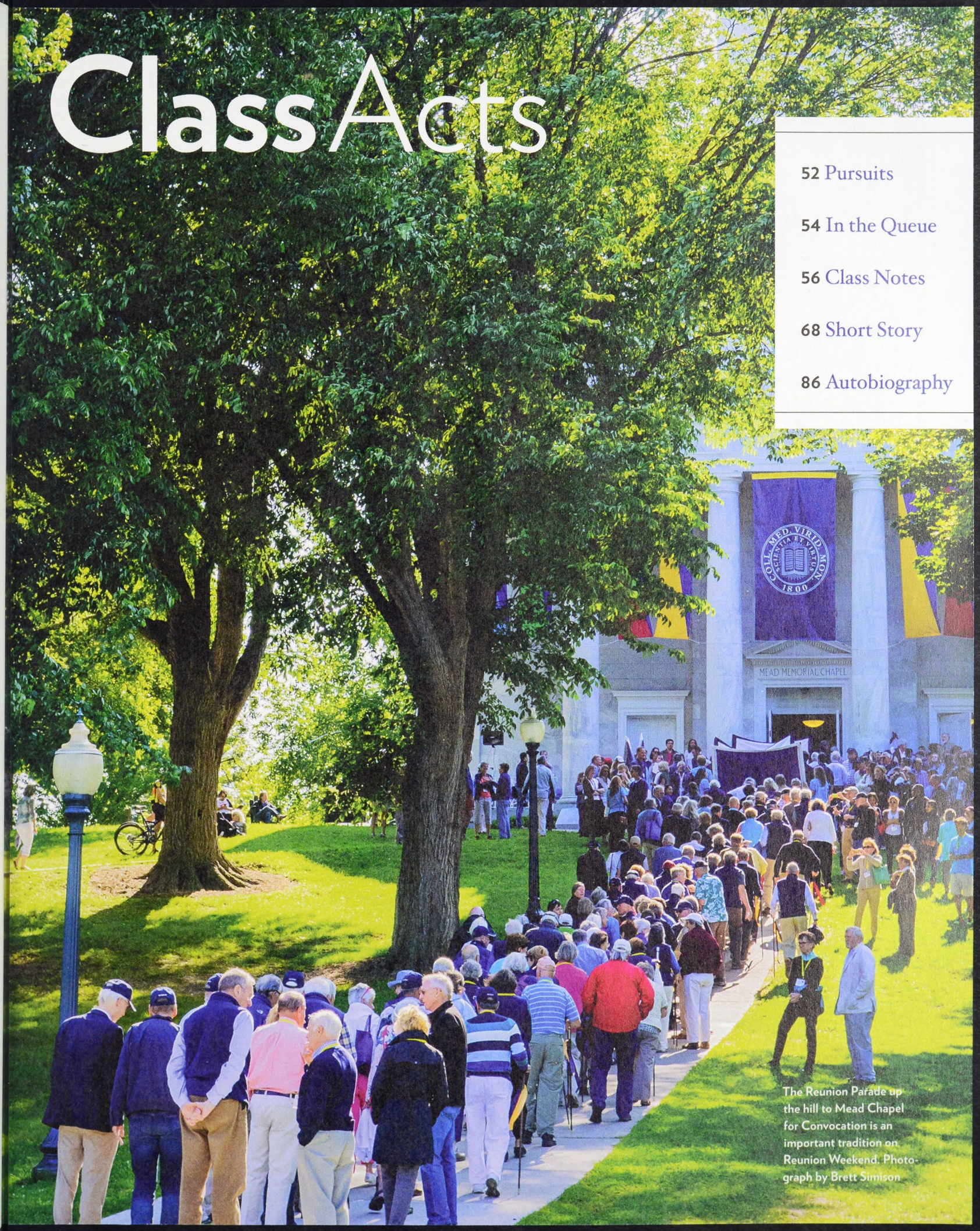

The Reunion Parade up the hill to Mead Chapel for Convocation is an important tradition on Reunion Weekend. Photograph by Brett Simison

By Kathryn Flagg '08

Happy Tails

"Hello, girls," said Ken Parker '62, throwing open the blue trailer door. "Are you ready to go to work?"¶ The 75-year-old mostly retired Presbyterian minister had parked his Toyota truck—license plate: MINIDONK—at the curb before the Helen Porter Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center. The girls in question were two big-eared, doe-eyed miniature donkeys, Celeste and Fey. Their job this afternoon: to visit residents, mainly Alzheimer's and dementia patients, at the Middlebury nursing home.

For more than 10 years, Parker has been trotting out—literally—his miniature donkeys as therapy animals. He and volunteers visit nursing homes and grieving children. They also run a program that allows children with developmental and emotional disabilities learn how to care for the animals. To his knowledge, Thera-Pets, his Peru, N.Y., nonprofit, was the first organization of its kind to use miniature donkeys as therapeutic animals in the U.S.

"They're a wonderful, wonderful animal," said Parker, brushing a bit of errant hay from dark, svelte Celeste's coat. Sure, Parker acknowledged, therapy dogs are far more prevalent. "But give me a hundred dogs and a hundred donkeys, and the donkeys will take it every time."

Parker and volunteer Candyce Trombley led the donkeys into a small courtyard where the residents, mostly women in their 80s and 90s, sat in wheelchairs and rockers. Parker launched into his primer on miniature donkeys, chatting with the residents and answering questions—but the real stars of the show were Celeste and Fey.

"You're very beautiful," one woman cooed. "Yes, you are. You're a very good girl." Another woman pressed her forehead to the donkey's face and stroked Celeste's long, tapered ears.

"People say, 'Kiss my ass,'" quipped Parker after a resident planted a kiss on a donkey's nose. "I do all the time."

Ministering to the sick, disabled, and grieving comes naturally to Parker, who went to Princeton Theological Seminary following his graduation from Middlebury and also received a DMin at Sewanee. Parker headed the Presbyterian Church in Peru for more than three decades. When he retired in 2003, he briefly considered "playing golf and reading books," but he jokes now that retirement "didn't take." In addition to his work with Thera-Pets, Parker spends Sunday mornings preaching in two tiny congregations.

"Once he retired, he couldn't give up helping people," said his wife, Helle (Thomsen) Parker '62. His work with Thera-Pets is just "an extension of ministering."

"He probably has one of the kindest souls, the gentlest souls, I have ever known," said Trombley, who has known Parker since he moved to Peru more than 40 years ago. "There's no pretense. What you see is what you get."

The Parkers still live in Peru on a farm they named Butternut Ridge. Their menagerie includes 10 donkeys, as well as a smattering of cows, alpacas, chickens and other fowl, and occasionally pigs.

A few days after visiting Helen Porter, Parker was swapping his Sunday morning vestments for a Thera-Pets polo shirt for an afternoon with developmentally disabled children. By mid-afternoon, about a dozen kids had convened at the farm of a neighbor, another Thera-Pets volunteer, down the road from Parker's home. Normally they would meet at Parker's farm, but today they were taking a special walk through a state park, which culminates at a playground.

"It's the best thing for both of my boys," said mother Mary Prial, holding a donkey's lead as her two boys, seven-year-olds Luke and Sebastian, tore off for the playground. Sebastian is a typical kid, but Luke is hearing impaired and developmentally delayed and was terrified of animals before he began working with Parker's donkeys. "Here they're not different," she said. "I couldn't be happier. I love seeing both of my boys having a good time." M

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BIG FISH

When he's not at the pulpit or in the barn, Parker likes to be on the water. Fishing, he said, is his avocation. He caught this 42-inch, 24-pound northern pike on a fishing expedition in northern Quebec. However, he's fished less since a longtime friend and fishing companion died. "I should put it on Craigslist," he joked. "Wanted: somebody to go fishing with me."

LASTING IMPACT

Early in his efforts to use the donkeys as therapeutic animals, Parker visited a nursing home in northern New York. Staff shooed him away from one woman's room. She was well into her 90s and no longer spoke or sat up in bed. But when Parker and his donkey stepped inside, the woman did just that. "That's the most beautiful animal I've ever seen," Parker remembered her saying, astonishing some staff to the point of tears. Several years later, she left word in her last wishes that the donkeys should attend her funeral—and they did.

AT NEWTOWN

A few months after a gunman opened fire on Sandy Hook Elementary School, Parker and some Thera-Pets volunteers traveled with therapy donkeys to Newtown, Conn. Grieving children is a "population that in most communities is very poorly served," said Parker. The donkeys ended up helping adults as well as children. Parker recalled Celeste seeking out a woman in a church and laying her head in the grieving woman's lap. She'd lost a granddaughter in the shooting. He doesn't know how Celeste chose that woman to approach, but chalked it up to the donkey's intuition.

PHOTOGRAPHY BY BRETT SIMISON

BOOK REVIEW

Voices of the Bronx

Sixteen people tell stories of living in the Bronx before, during, and after the years of arson, crime, and abandonment in the 1970s.

By Janice Obuchowski

The Bronx is up!

According to Emita Brady Hill, MA French '58, who, along with Janet Butler Munch, edited *Bronx Faces and Voices*, this sentiment—that the Bronx is up—was common at a certain point in New York's history. Starting in the late 19th century, many immigrants who came to New York chose the Bronx because it provided space and safety while remaining neighborly—compared to the other boroughs, it was almost rural. And until the mid-20th century, the Bronx remained a good place for the many who resided there. But, Hill writes, "In the 1970s the Bronx that had been 'up,' a borough of open parklands and gracious homes and spacious apartments, became the international icon for urban decay—in particular for drugs and arson. The Bronx burned, until, as one man said, 'there was nothing left to burn.'"

In the early 1980s, Hill was at Lehman College and she and her colleagues had received a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities to create a study of community history in the Bronx. They were interested in talking to those who had not fled the borough during the terrible prior decade. For this book, Hill selected 16 oral histories from that time, stories from people she felt "made a difference through their commitment to a building, a block, a neighborhood, or the entire borough."

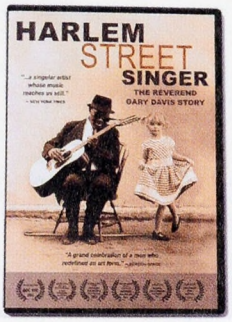
Hill and Munch, who in the early 1980s had been a librarian at Lehman College, organized these 16 transcribed accounts into five sections. The book starts with "The First Wave": two men, Moe Greenstein and Irving Bick, who had been born in 1911 and 1925, respectively. Next follows a section on community organizers and another on those who stabilized their communities. The fourth concerns "Movers and Shakers" and the concluding section is about politicians.

ILLUSTRATION BY JIMI CRAYON

We hear from, among others, Raquel Flores, a community organizer born in 1926; Father Robert Banonme, a priest at St. Joseph's Church; Attorney Stanley Friedman, born in 1936, who worked in politics and talked about the decay of the Bronx stemming from the county having no strong political structure. These oral histories are rich and varied, often elegiac. They're wonderful for their individualized detail—the recollections and memories of those who (many of them) lived their entire lives in a community that changed vastly over the course of the 20th century. M

EXCERPT

"I was born on Simpson Street in the Bronx, which is about two houses from the famous Fort Apache police station, and when I was born it was a cobblestone street. It was during the administration of Woodrow Wilson, so it's a long, long time ago. And the house I was born in didn't have heat. We heated with a wood and coal oven. We had coal in the kitchen that heated our apartment, and eventually my father did put heating into that building. The landlady of the building was a woman by the name of Gisela Klinko, who had been in the Bronx since the year one, probably...We had a ground-floor apartment, and my family was in real estate... ...My father was a plumber who went to work on a bicycle like everybody in the Bronx here. He did the typical thing. When the Bronx was built, everybody followed a certain path. You could actually spot it on a map with an arrow. When the immigrants came here around the turn of the century their first stop was the Lower East Side. The second stop was Harlem, and then they branched off into two directions. One branch went to the Bronx, and one went to Washington Heights. You could follow the path. It's beautiful."



The Chord Is My Shepherd

By James Lynch '16

Edited and codirected by Simeon Hutner '81, *Harlem Street Singer* opens with black-and-white footage of Reverend Gary Davis being introduced at the 1965 Newport Folk Festival. As the camera shifts from the audience to the stage, Davis is at first obscured by the crowd. But then the reverend's expressive guitar licks and dramatic, heavy voice drive him into the foreground, and we see the grandfatherly man in his trademark hat and sunglasses.

Davis too often is a forgotten figure, and this documentary introduces and connects us to the life, struggles, and musical significance of a man who influenced the folk and blues scene of the 1960s and '70s. We learn of Davis's influence through the interviews and performances of musicians and friends, and the film strikes a nice balance between exploring the past and displaying musical performances that show Davis's current musical influence. Reverential interviews from Bob Weir of the Grateful Dead and Jorma Kaukonen of Jefferson Airplane establish Davis as a hero, while full performances—whether by the Grateful Dead, Peter, Paul and Mary, or Davis himself—allow us to hear and feel why Davis is revered.

A celebration of more than just a man, *Harlem Street Singer* reveals the transcendent power of musical expression: "When he died, nothing died with him but his body." M

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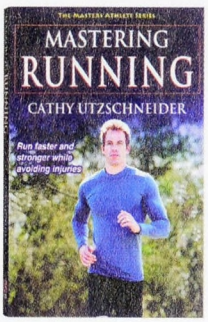
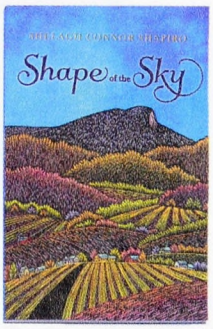
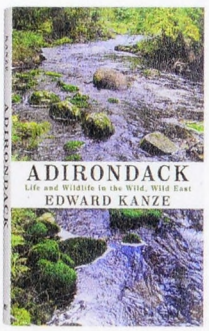


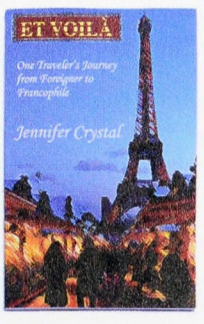
CATHY UTZSCHNEIDER
Mastering Running
Whether you're ready to take on your first marathon or a 5K is more your speed, Cathy von Klemperer Utzschneider '77 provides novices and experts alike with techniques to create a successful running program.



SHELAGH CONNOR SHAPIRO
Shape of the Sky
Shelagh Connor Shapiro '85 draws on the lush scenery of the Green Mountains to create the fictional town of Resolute, Vermont, where the investigation of a young woman's murder reawakens dark memories from the past for the community.



EDWARD KANZE
Adirondack
In his exploration of place, self, wilderness, and family, naturalist Edward Kanze '78 doesn't live in the shadows of Thoreau, or of his grandfather, a man of folkloric proportions. Instead he takes root alongside them in the soils of the Adirondacks.



JENNIFER CRYSTAL
Et Voilà
Up seven flights and into a diminutive *Rue de Rennes* apartment, Jennifer Crystal '00 embarks on a whimsical, personal exploration of Paris. The memoir transforms each adventure and misstep into an honest examination of cultural immersion.

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Recently I took from a drawer the 50th reunion yearbook of our class. It not only contains classmates' autobiographies but also many excellent pictures that were taken over the four years we were at Middlebury. I guess you can call it a trip down memory lane. **Janet Randall Morgan** and I do keep in touch for which I am thankful. • It is with regret that I report the death of **Bob Matteson** on April 8 and **Marian Hewes McKenney** on April 7. We extend our condolences to Bob's family and the family of Marian.

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I am now 96 years old. College days seem so remote. But as I sip the wine, yesterday comes tumbling back to mind with Reginald Cook guiding the pen. A poem: "I bought a new pair of slip-ons / to wear around the house. / As I slip my feet into them / I smile. I do not know why. / But it makes me feel / like I was at home / as a child / within the warmth of my mother's greeting / of the new day. / She was a positive soul / ready to welcome new friends / into the warmth of her personality."

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REUNION CLASS **Margaret Shaub** enjoys her apartment at Pines Senior Living Community, which offers meals in the dining room several days a week, besides a weekly bus to the grocery store. In-house activities include an exercise class twice a week and a monthly book group, besides various opportunities to socialize. She no longer drives but relies on friends to take her places, including church and her monthly Spanish conversation group. Otherwise the Special Services Transportation Agency takes her where she needs to go. Music is still an important part of her life, as she sings in her church choir and plays the piano, Golden Oldies, to entertain residents at a nursing home twice a month. Her weekly stint in the office of the Vermont Symphony Orchestra, plus attendance at concerts, keeps her in touch with the classical music scene. She is already looking forward to our 75th reunion next June!

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We have lost yet another classmate, **Ann Curtis Wood**. Her page in our 50th reunion book tells of an interesting and diversified life. She administered service clubs in Europe for the Army of Occupation, did secretarial work in California, earned a master's in library science at Berkeley, farmed in Illinois, and worked in the finance industry in New York—most recently at Citibank. She was on the board of directors for Persons with Aids, volunteered at the Children's Museum, and traveled extensively. Ann and her husband Thor, whose field was musicology, had two daughters.

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Correspondent **John Gale** reports: **Phil Backup**, in Redmond, Ore., continues to play golf but he didn't divulge any scores. He, Ruth, and their three daughters are all well. One daughter now lives in St. Albans, Vt., where she runs a small farm (and probably makes maple syrup); one is now practicing cardiology in Colorado and the third now lives in northern California. He and Ruth enjoyed their annual lengthy golf session in Hawaii. • I was able to reach **Bob Byington** on the lodge phone of Legacy at Bear Creek, the assisted living unit to which he moved after wife **Ann (Cole)** died, which has a special interest in helping with memory problems such as Bing deals with now. Bing has the same wonderful deep voice and does mention matters related to Middlebury. Daughter Lynn says he's being well cared for and does appreciate phone calls (best through the lodge phone, 817-753-2784)—mid-afternoon might be a suitable time to call. Mentioning Middlebury College seems to be key in talking with Bing. • **Stuart Walker** and wife Patricia and others were in Brittany, France, last December when he again noticed a low-lying island on the horizon that he had seen some years earlier and wanted to explore in the future. The future became this trip and off they went, a few days before Christmas. There they found a small French-speaking community making preparations for the holiday. His group was welcomed, took part in the Christmas traditions, meals, games, etc., and according to Stuart, got along famously, staying there over the holiday. One should really hear Stuart tell this tale (410-266-5628). In other news, a generous gift to the College from Stu has provided a red, inflatable support boat, which has brought the sailing program up to Intercollegiate Sailing Standards. A major intercollegiate event to be held annually on Lake Dunmore has now been accepted by the New England Intercollegiate Yacht Racing Assoc. and has been named the Stuart Walker Regatta. • Correspondent **Jean Jordan Sheild** reports: When I called **Natalie Dane Richdale** she was doing over her address book and was glad to take a break. She had a wonderful winter although she thought only a few would think that way considering the record-breaking snow New England had. During the winter she stays in her condo in the town of Kennebunk, Maine. Her son and daughter-in-law live nearby and come for dinner once a week. As soon as it warms up enough she goes to her four-bedroom cottage by the sea. Her other daughter is coming to the cottage with her book club for the fourth year, probably in the fall. Natalie still volunteers three times a week at the museum doing entry work on the computer for two or three hours. She feels she is a "very lucky lady." With her calico cat, Harley (short for Harlequin), she is very content. • **Gertrude "Scotty" Lacey Thornton** is doing just fine in Atlantic Beach, Fla. She continues to teach a class in sumi-e (ink painting) every Saturday morning. She has an open studio with about 12 students. Last summer she had a great trip to San Francisco, where she visited her son and his family and also two great-grandchildren. One high point of the 10-day visit was enjoying the Asian Art Museum. Her oldest daughter, Elaine, went with her and will be going again for a family mini-reunion in Delaware in July. • I had a great chat with **Alice Landis Tonry**. The Christmas tree farm in Hampton Falls, N.H., did very well this past year and Alice loves to see the happy families picking out their trees. While the snow was piling up, Alice drove the tractor as a snowplow! Her daughter, Abby, lives with her and does the cooking while Alice does the dishes. We reminisced a bit about our Middlebury days—living at Hillside freshman year, junior year at Le Château, and the fun of the Mountain Club hikes. Those were fun times!

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The good news is that **Anna Macwilliams Neville** and **Elaine King Dandh** attended our 70th reunion, June 5–7. There is a photo of them on page 70. • **Barbara "Baba" Boyden Wetherbee** writes, "Our family continues to grow. We have a new great-grandson, born in February. He is number nine, seven boys and two girls. We enjoy living in a retirement community here in Akron, Ohio. I've learned to play pool and even beat the boys once in a while. We also have a group who likes to put on plays and skits—lots of fun! Can you picture me as Dorothy in a short version of *The Wizard of Oz*?" Her community was putting on an art show and five of her paintings were on display. This is a new Baba to me, but praise be! • **Jessie Woodwell Bush** wrote about their getaway at Christmas to St. Augustine, Fla., for a week, near the home of their son and family. "Our motel was at the foot of the famous Bridge of Lions, and we had a beautiful view of St. Augustine all in white lights for the holidays. Our son's house is one-and-a-half blocks from the motel and I had hoped to walk there rather than be driven. At my current speed, even that distance was a challenge and the walking felt good! Again, a great week with family." She sends her best to all her classmates. • This winter **Dick McCrudden** phoned from Colorado to report on a phone call he made to **Dottie Laux O'Brien** in Vermont to consult about snow depths. I (**Mew**) was winning in New Hampshire with two feet. • **Audrey Nunnemacher Pertl** wrote of a "serious medical breakdown, with three days in the hospital, now mostly at home on a walker and out to doctor's visits and to get my long hair washed." I can still see those long braids flying on the ski slopes. • **Elaine King Dandh** wrote about her trip to Colombia: "I was invited to attend the Hay Fiesta, an annual gathering of artists, writers, and sociologists, held in Cartagena. The city is beautiful, built on the shores of the Caribbean Sea. It was in full bloom with tropical flowers I had never seen. Markets on the streets offered avocados large as small footballs and tomatoes that grow on trees. I met some of the writers, went to some of the conferences, and learned that my Mexican Spanish is quite different from Colombian Spanish. I spent a few days at a beach resort and a few evenings at parties in old mansions that had been converted into new mansions. I did some street photography one day, then wandered into a city park where everybody was relaxed, some feeding pigeons and some stretched out on park benches—good subjects to photograph. I had been warned that Colombia was dangerous. It wasn't, though it may have been addictive." • Sadly, I'm reporting two deaths close to me—**Jean Williams Schoch**, who often sat next to me in the W section in class, on February 14, and **Alice Southworth Twible**, my roommate senior year in Forest and lifelong friend, on March 15. • I remember meeting *Winnie the Pooh* at Middlebury for the first time when the late Virginia Wynn '43 read to us in sorority meetings on Monday nights. Here is a quote for us now. "What day is it?" asked Pooh. "Today," said Piglet. "My favorite day," said Pooh. Mine, too. Let's keep in touch. "**Mew**"

—Class Correspondent: Mary Elizabeth Wisotzkey McClellan (maryliz124@comcast.net), 124 RiverMead Rd., Peterborough, NH 03458.

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REUNION CLASS Let's give "an old Midd shout" for **Jan Shaw Percival** who has carried on the work of our class correspondent for so long by herself since the passing of her co-correspondent, husband **Bill**. I (**Mary Elizabeth**) will miss her emails but won't trouble her with any because I understand that her eyes won't cooperate, thus her resignation. I have her phone number to keep abreast of her news. • Since completing a second winter season of preparing and playing for Peace Fellowship programs in the chapel at Huntington Common, with no plan to resume another year, I welcome the opportunity to write this column once again. While I was waiting for further information about my resumed responsibilities as class correspondent, I happened to notice that Mary Elizabeth "Mew" Wisotzkey McClellan is the correspondent for 1945 and her address is RiverMead in Peterborough, N.H., where I have a friend, Dorothy Peterson. We have had a nice virtual round-robin email conversation that includes **Barbara Flink "Flinkie" Ewels**, who lives at the same RiverMead senior "campus." Both of our Midd friends swim laps every morning. Apparently there is just one lap lane because Barbara waits for Mew to complete her laps and then goes for her swim. Both of them are acquainted with Dorothy; Mew knows her well. • **Barbara** forwarded to me the obituary of Roy Coombs Jr. of Camp Hill, Pa., who died on April 13. His wife, the late **Fran Tenney Coombs**, predeceased him in 2009. Their youngest daughter, Cindy, had sent the news to Barbara about her father. Our remaining class members send condolences to Cindy, her siblings, and their children. • This came in an email from **Mary Selleck Hellekjaer**: "I was a docent at the Smithsonian for 40 years but I have retired—my legs can't do it and I can't get down to the Metro. I live in a nice retirement home, like most of you, and I am very busy. It was so nice meeting up with **Flinkie** recently." Mary planned to take a Smithsonian-sponsored cruise from Baltimore to the Bahamas in May. "Eight days of goofing off." • The announcement of the Middlebury Alumni College has appeared at this writing. It will be interesting to see how many of us can attend this year and in years to come. Among those who attended last year were **Barbara Busing Harris** and **Avery Post**. Let's see if our class list of attendants grows from their recommendations. • **Peg Romer Jones** sent this message: "I have moved to a retirement community called the Renaissance. It is still in Sanford, Fla., where I have lived for 21 years and it's working out nicely, though of course it takes a bit of adjustment. The catalyst was a wild malfunction of my car on a moderately busy road and I decided enough was enough. So now I ride in their van and appreciate the other amenities. The new address is 300 West Airport Blvd., #203, Sanford, FL 32773. I am still volunteering at the local hospital (24,000 hours so far on the record but some of those are gratuitous for having served as an officer and service chairman). • Peg went on Facebook some time ago at her daughter's suggestion, and we were in touch for a while in that way. From the time that my husband, Everett, began retiring for the night at about 6 p.m., I found many evenings' enjoyment from contacting acquaintances from former residences both north and south. I can't keep up with all of my 200+ Facebook friends all of the time, but do find it pleasant to be reminded automatically of their birthdays so I can communicate with an exchange of clicks at least once a year. If you have hesitated about using Facebook, I recommend it. You can make all of your posts as private as you wish by designating categories of recipients. Befriend me if you wish and I can pick up your news online! • It saddened me to hear of the passing of **Anne "Rod" Adams Beetle**. Our close friends, **Barbara Kingsley** and **June Brogger Noble** had predeceased her. There were six of us, several originally from singles in Battell Cottage, who moved together as roommates from Howard House (the DU House during WWII) to Hepburn to Forest Hall: my roommate, June Noble, and I; **Kay Craven** and Barbara Kingsley; and **Betty "Hurdle" Hurd Wyant** and Anne Beetle. We have lost one from each pair. **Kay** and I had a good talk a couple of weeks ago and I learned that she has decided to stay in her home and continue to take piano lessons and perform alternately with members of her local music club at their meetings. • **Joan Campbell Shaw** called recently to say her husband Doug died May 4. On behalf of the class, let me extend deepest condolences to Cam as she goes about planning her future.

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Phyllis Hackley Foote wrote from Massachusetts that she did not take any chances during our first great blizzard of 2015. When she saw the snow mounting so fast that she knew she would soon be snowed in and unable to leave, she accepted an invitation from a friend who had a generator and moved in while she could still get there. Though she did not lose power, her own house was not plowed out for two days. Phyll has developed a tremor in her right hand so finds it much easier to type than to write. • It was four days before the **Louth** house was plowed out so we had time to reread *Snowbound* by John Greenleaf Whittier. The snow was halfway up the doors and the one where that was not true had frozen shut. I found myself singing an old hymn: "In the bleak midwinter, snow had fallen, snow

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on snow, snow on snow." My yard looked like a pod of beluga whales. • **Martha "Pat" Harvey Oehler** wrote that the holidays were a big improvement over last summer when she was diagnosed with congestive heart failure, secondary to three leaky heart valves. Open-heart surgery was suggested to her but she considered it a terrible idea given her age, the uncertain outcome, and the cost. As a result, she is being treated with a medley of pills and is feeling quite normal. Her sons, Larry and Richard, watch over her and can be with her at a moment's notice should she need them. • **Jean Mace Burnell** wrote that she doesn't have any news—she just "keeps perking along." She did, however, have one big item to report—she has a new great-granddaughter. She was hoping to go to Denver, Colo., to see her. She also reported that Frank Millsaps, husband of the late **Flo King Millsaps**, at age 97 had his aorta replaced and survived. • **Joanne Buckeridge Booth** sent a copy of her "Farewell to Paris," a delightful and attractive read. Her two Francophile daughters, Janet and Kathryn, convinced her to celebrate her birthday by spending two weeks in France. It proved a delightful respite for all three. She writes, "We started in Paris in a comfortable apartment near Montparnasse and went *tout de suite* to the Jardin du Luxembourg. We were blessed with 13 days of superb weather so could be outdoors anytime. The mingling of colorful gardens and happy visitors was heartwarming. This is what I remember as I look back on decades of working in and visiting France—from an international work camp at the College Cevenol, to working with the American Friends Service Committee in Paris and St. Nazaire, to our marriage in 1950 in Paris, and the following year in Geneva, where George was working with the World Council of Churches and I studied at the Univ. of Geneva." Jo considers France her second home where she lived and formed many cherished friendships. She ends her farewell with the words of an old song, "Who could ask for anything more?" • **Liz Condon Anderson** wrote that she is glad to be in a fine retirement apartment. She gave up driving four months ago and finds it a very big change, as she now has to depend on others and find other forms of transportation. Her children are in Texas, California, and West Virginia so she seldom sees them. Liz really enjoys walking in the snow. She ended her note with the following: "I am alive and well. I'm grateful for my years and friendships at Middlebury and for living in Lewisburg, Pa., again." • When I received an email from **Susie Gard Knox,** she had just received her copy of the *Middlebury Magazine* and found it was all about the animals in our lives. She wrote, "That is what my life has been for the last 40-odd years." When her youngest daughter went off to college, having lost one dog, they got a new one. Given that her old dog had anticipated her every wish, Susie found the new dog a real challenge. She had seen some dog obedience at a show and decided that was the way to go. It wasn't long before she was showing her dog in obedience—a series of exercises—and teaching classes. She still drives but only to do her own shopping. Usually one of her daughters in the area goes with her for appointments. • **Helen Prentice Theimer** did not have the stamina to pursue her gardening passion last summer due to a brief bout with cancer, which also prevented her from attending a MacDonald gathering in June when a 1742 family porridge pot was presented to a local museum. Helen was sorry to miss the ceremony and seeing her long-lost cousins. In October she had a visit from her sister, Madge, and her daughter, Margaret. At Christmas, Helen's son, Tom, with wife Kathy and young Tom, helped to set up the tree in their glassed-in porch. They were pleased that daughter Kate and her husband had changed their plans so as to spend Christmas with them. They were sorry that for the first time in 16 years, daughter Sarah, Greg, and their children would be unable to attend. • In Middlebury **Alice Neef Perine** wrote that she volunteers at the Sheldon Museum, where she often sees co-volunteer **Joyce Walsh Heath.** Alice is fortunate to have family in town. Her son and wife, as well as two granddaughters and their families, live there. Granddaughter Kate '03 is at the College and is the new lacrosse coach. She was previously at Trinity College, where she received many awards and had many championships. Her husband teaches math at the high school. Alice's other granddaughter is a physical therapist and has three children. Alice is still in her home, still able to get around well, and is happy to live in Middlebury, a lively town with a lot going on.

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Correspondent **Elizabeth Bredenberg Ness** reports: Christmas cards brought news from a few of our classmates, much to my delight. **Livi Remmler Rosman**, who lives on the West Coast, was very happy at the time to report that they were getting lots of welcome rain and was hoping it would refill their reservoirs. • **Bart** and Tiffany Clark '47 **Nourse** continue to enjoy living in Middlebury, where there are many things to do—lectures, music, sports, and fine shows at a great town theater. • **Jo Sherman Riebow** wrote that her youngest grandchild has graduated from college and her oldest has gotten married and has made her a step-great-grandmother. • **Natalie Richmond Hamlin** wrote me, too, and unfortunately I've misplaced her envelope so I can't tell you where she is living. Please write again, Natalie! • **Jean Huey Smolens** lives about 40 miles away but I unfortunately rarely see her as I gave up driving several years ago. One of these days we'll have to figure out a way to meet for lunch. • Thank you all for responding to my request for news.

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Correspondent **Dixon Hemphill** reports: I had a long conversation with **Jack Valentine**, who lives in Carlisle, Mass., with wife Betty. They have six children and five grandchildren. Their children live in various cities with one daughter in our area and another in London. Jack says he is in good health and walks two miles a day but it's not quite the exercise he enjoyed for years as a skier. He reminded me that he and his roommate **Don Henderson** were both varsity skiers at Middlebury. Betty had a fall a while ago, which affected her vision but she is steadily improving. They also have a place on Squam Lake, N.H., which they visit in the summer. I asked about traveling and he told me that for 10 years after his days in the Air Force he refused to fly but because his various business ventures called for extensive trips, he was forced to become a frequent flyer. I was amazed at the types of work Jack has done. They include managing 3,000 acres of timberland in Siberia, serving as chairman of an investment firm in Moscow, running a mining operation in Puerto Rico, and owning a hospital in Dublin, N.H. Jack said, "I don't mean to be bragging but these are the things I did during my working years and this is the first time I have told someone about them for a long time." • It might interest readers to hear that June and I were surprised in January when a big party arranged by our two daughters was held at a local restaurant to celebrate our 60th wedding anniversary and my 90th birthday. About 80 relatives, friends, and members of our family attended. Each of our four children gave short talks and several of our grandkids also participated, some of them telling amusing stories about things they had done over the past years with their grandparents. A group of our closest relatives surprised us with the gift of a seven-day cruise to Bermuda, which we took with them in late May. How lucky we are to have all 20 members of our family living within 40 miles! • Correspondent **Rachel Adkins Platt** reports: One of the great advantages of being a class correspondent is the opportunity to communicate with my fellow classmates. The other day I had a delightful conversation with **Winifred "Winnie" Anthony Stearns** in New Hampshire. We commiserated about the long, cold, snowy winter and had lots of laughs about our college days. We both remembered feeling so proud of our diploma from such a distinguished college and off we went job hunting. The bubble burst when at interview after interview we were asked, "Can you type or take shorthand?" Needless to say we did not learn those talents at Middlebury. In time we both found good jobs, but can any of today's women relate to this? I doubt it, but isn't it great that women have come such a long way. Winnie says she enjoys swimming every day—in an indoor pool of course. • I had a wonderful conversation with **Dale Moreau**

Killinger. She still lives in her home of 32 years on a hilltop in a beautiful part of North Carolina and lives alone as she lost her husband 14 years ago. But she has a very good friend that lives "just down the way" and they enjoy each other's company. The view from her mountaintop is lovely and she still has the four seasons so she is in no rush to move to a retirement home, even though her house is much too large for one person—but she can continue her hobbies and is very happy there. She has three sons; one family is nearby and the other two are in New Mexico and Wisconsin. She also has three sisters, all Middlebury graduates, and recently talked to her sister Anne Moreau Thomas, who some of you may remember as she graduated from Middlebury in 1951. All for now. After the crazy winter throughout the country, I hope you have enjoyed a beautiful spring and summer.

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It is a sad day when I have so many obits to report. **Donald Hill** passed away on January 1. He was a printer. He married **Jo Dodge**, who died in 1971. They had boy-girl twins in 1955. He remarried in 1974 and helped raise two young stepchildren. • **Thomas Darge** died January 3. He was an ad man and in later years traveled extensively. He worked at maple sugaring and volunteered with the Green Mountain Club, skiing and maintaining trails. He liked woodworking, also. • **Elsbeth Wright Pope** also died on January 3. From Portsmouth, N.H., she left behind two sons with doctorates. • I called **Jane Terpening Hanson**. She had no exciting news for us, but at least the Hansons are still among the living! • **Margaret "Peggy" Teachout Meyer** sent me an email! She lost her husband last May and her rural Oregon house is for sale. She is relatively healthy and keeps happily busy with church, duplicate bridge, book groups, and lots of reading. She has a caring and supportive family. • As for your class correspondent, I have a boyfriend! After 12 years of solitude, this dude approached me at Parkview in Allen. The happiest part of this is, he is only 73! We are into music, recorded-from-TV movies, and history.

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REUNION CLASS **Joan Macklaier Birkett** says, "Living in a more rural area of Canada, I run into more deer and elk than any Midd students appearing out from the trees." She had just returned from a visit with her daughter in San Francisco, where they enjoyed adventures in beautiful weather, surrounded by ocean, blooming shrubs, and trees. She loves the cultural mix moving from Japan

1 Sue Follett Panella '80 is excited to see good friend Annie Cowherd Kallaher '80. 2 Susan Stitham '65 and Judith Couperus Stickler '65 help lead the singing of "Gamaliel Painter's Cane" at the Cane Society Luncheon. 3 Reunion fireworks explode with color Saturday night. 4 R.C. Anderson '40 has many good stories to share during the Story Circle Friday afternoon. 5 Ben Winter '10, Jamal Davis '11, Kaitlyn Fallon '10, and Katie Donovan '10 are happy to be back on campus again. Photography by Todd Balfour, May Mantell, Jennifer Kiewit, and Yeager "Teddy" Anderson '13.5.

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Town to China Town with the colorful grocery stores and fish staring with glassy eyes in racks of pans! She then headed for the Great Divide in Kootenay National Park and later visited Vancouver with skiing 20 minutes away. But she said she retired her skis at age 70 on a return from a volunteer project in New Delhi. "Each year is a bonus now with gratitude for staying well." Joan finds it hard to slow down with something new to discover and learn in these changing times. She sends best wishes to all the "senior warriors" from the Class of 1951. • **Barbara Lukens Calkins** reports that there is another Middlebury graduate where she is living now at White Horse Retirement Community in Newtown Square, Pa.—Betsy Hornaday Fry '47. She enjoys seeing her almost every day and they remember Middlebury and feel young again. • **Tony Romano** wrote that he is well. He wanted to share information about his deceased wife, whom he met while she was on the faculty at MIT and he was a student there. She pioneered in the field of experiments with radioactive additives in foods, which she later regretted. She was also on a team with Harvard Med School that performed the first successful liver transplant in the world. Tony's two sons graduated from Midd in the '80s and his daughter was accepted but chose Babson. • **Bill Deming** signed up for Russ Leng's online history course and found it very interesting. He recommends this great opportunity. As the ad says, "No homework, no required reading. Just learning for the love of it." • **Barbara Pike Prinn** wrote about a delightful time she spent with her four-year-old grandson, going out for breakfast together. "He is SO cute and such fun and behaved so well." • Speaking of cute children, **Ed** and **Jean Maintain Higgins** sent a picture of their news—three adorable great-grandchildren, who surely bring much joy to their lives and keep them happily busy. • **Lois Behrman Watson** received an invitation from President Ron Liebowitz in the spring to attend a dinner at the president's home to honor Paula Schwartz, following her inaugural lecture as the Lois B. Watson Professor of French. This is the second professor to receive this honor—the first has retired. • **Roland Coates** sent a section from his memoir called "Getting into Middlebury." He confessed he wasn't a very good student in high school, and he wasn't accepted at the colleges to which he applied. So he went to Florida and was accepted at the University of Miami. He spent his freshman year there and did well. During a summer job in Twin Mountains, N.H., he met a young man named Bob Hope, whose father happened to be the treasurer at Middlebury and he helped Roland get into Middlebury. Going to Midd from Miami was like going to "Mount Hermon from Watertown (Mass.) High School." He had to really settle down and study. He also got the male a cappella choir restarted, sang in the chapel choir, and played bass drums in the band. He says he had no time for dating, which was a disappointment. But he was successful at Midd and is proud to say he graduated from Middlebury. Now we know he is a talented artist, and this fills his time in retirement. • Dex Whittinghill '50 wrote that wife **Norma (Horsford)** has had an up-and-down year, with falls and illnesses. They celebrated their 63rd wedding anniversary last July. • Norm '53 and **Joan Allen Armour** sent a card with a lovely collection of family pictures. There were 19 family members in one picture. Joan wrote that they are enjoying their 350 days per year of sun, ocean, and all kinds of green landscapes in Santa Barbara, Calif. She invites us all to visit! That sounds very tempting. • **Liz Nelson** continues to work full time because she loves market research and she also thinks by keeping her brain working the body seems to follow. She realizes that many of us octogenarians keep minds and bodies active in other ways, but the difference for her, she feels, is that she has to attend conferences on the future of digital communication and the joys and threats of it controlling or helping in many areas of our lives. • **Gretchen Reger Mason** reports that she has given up her car, and she could manage quite well on roller skates if her balance was a little better. Fortunately, many shops are within walking distance, and there is bus service into town. Her daughter has arranged for her to have a woman taxi driver, as well. "Most systems go, for which I am profoundly grateful." • NOW, it is time to start thinking about June 2016 and our 65th reunion. Can you believe that? We know you are all clamoring to take over the job as class correspondents and are pushing to be the first asked. Please, no violence! It will be first come, first served. It really is a great opportunity to be in touch with classmates you haven't heard from in years. Hope you are all enjoying the summer. Please keep in touch. Beth and Lee

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Correspondent **Jean Vaughan Varney** reports: I had a lovely chat with **Marty Potter Crouse**, who had just returned, with husband Merle, from a stroll in their country neighborhood in St. Cloud, Fla., south of Orlando. They were once active runners but have slowed their pace in recent years, though both are in good health. Marty is also an avid biker on the many area bike paths (and on the same old Schwinn her husband gave her in the '70s). They are active in their church, where Marty enjoys her role as organist. To celebrate their 60th anniversary, they are looking forward to a cruise to Alaska in August. They have five children and five grandchildren and are fortunate to have three of the families living in Florida, with the others in Ohio and Missouri. Almost every summer for the past 40 years most have gathered in the mountains of West Virginia at the family A-frame (except for the early years, which were spent in tents) and another edifice that was once a hunter's cabin and is still pretty rustic. Marty attended our 60th reunion with old pals **Sharon Locke MacCartney** and **Joyce Green Wilson** and I hope we'll see them all again next time. • I hope I'm not breaking any rules and incurring the wrath of **Chuck Ratté** but if so, feel free to fire me. I called Zanah and **Bill Stotz** out in their Florence, Ore., home since we have been in contact at least through Christmas letters almost since graduation. Bill was our best man in 1953 and in '54 and '55 we all practically lived together in Key West, Fla. **Jack** was embarked on his Naval career while Bill was doing two or three years in the Coast Guard after Harvard Business School. We managed twice to secure apartments with adjoining balconies in a pleasant sort of rooming house (now a fancy bed & breakfast) across from "The Southernmost House in the United States" and spent many an evening on our porches enjoying shrimp and rum Bill brought back from his cutter's frequent forays to Cuba. I so clearly recall hearing "Ici Habana Cooba" on the radio back then in the Batista days. Anyway, Bill and Zanah have been very active birders for many years, with several trips to South and Central America and elsewhere. More recently they've had to curtail the travel but are still birding, though locally. They are active in their church and their library, Zanah having been a librarian. Their greatest interest is in the field of conservation, be it birds, books, wild life, or saving the ocean and they are active in organizations such as the Nature Conservancy. Both are bionic, Zanah with a new hip and shoulder and Bill with a new knee, and they are thinking—but are trying not to—of a move such as so many of us have made. They have four children, among them twins, and some grands, scattered about in Chicago, New Mexico, and Oregon. The last reunion they attended was our 10th (!) so it's time for a replay. And make that move you two! • Lastly, I had a nice conversation with **Lee McGowan Allison** (who when going through the receiving line at my wedding became known as Leema Gowan). She returned my call (bless her) from her Freedom, N.H., home, which she loves. The town is small and her property abuts a lake, which, when it's frozen, she walks across to get her mail as it's the quickest way to town. She said this past winter was the greatest and nothing was able to keep her inside. Take that, you complainers! She spends her time snowshoeing and cross-country hiking with clamp-on microspikes (whatever they are) in weather often 20 degrees below zero. At one point she felt something amiss with one foot and hied to a podiatrist, who diagnosed frostbite in a big toe. She's taken no trips lately as nothing could drag her away but in the past she has taken several "bike and barge" trips through Europe—barging by night and biking by day. When not taking on the elements, Lee(ma) volunteers at the local library and the community center, which acts as consignment shop, coffee shop, and local hangout. She has four children and five grands, most living

in Rhode Island and New Hampshire, with one family in Wisconsin. • In closing, I had the pleasure of a lovely visit and dinner last week with Otto and **Louise Erb Mayr** at the retirement community they moved to in October. Louise and I lived within walking distance of each other back in Buffalo and are now about 15 minutes apart in Virginia. Who would have thought? • Correspondent **Barbara Cummiskey Villet** reports: As we were working our way towards spring through A LOT of snow and trying to think summer thoughts, I had a second conversation with **Jackie Kay Schlosser**. She sounded as engaged as last time. No wonder, she has seven grandkids and their doings keep her busy. Two of the grandchildren are still in high school in Charlotte, N.C., where their father is involved with motor sports. Another is already a junior at Tulane, a fourth enters Grinnell this year, and another grandson is at Rochester Tech. The oldest grandson has graduated from Hamilton and, after a stint teaching in the Middle East, is now working as a business counsel for the Saudi Arabians in D.C. Wow. • I also connected with **Barbara Osborne Lyon**. By the time you read this, she will know if a dream has come true for a grandson of hers. A soccer player, he was selected for a trial by the Seattle Sounders and may well have become a professional. Barbara and Joe have four kids and now also have seven grandkids—three girls and four boys, two of whom are in college already. She is still working in the summer at her country club's golf shop and plays regularly. • Finally, I have mastered the use of Skype for overseas calls and have had rewarding conversations with **Di Buchanan Meyer**. A long time ago I visited Di and her husband Rolf, a great bear of a man and wonderful artist, in Florence, Italy. The stay was unforgettable and so when I talk to her, it brings back a very happy interlude. Rolf died some 25 years ago, by which time he and Di had moved their family to Chiasso, Switzerland, near the Italian border. Di is still in their hilltop home, where she looks down on the town and can see a small, beautiful gallery, which currently holds an exhibition of Rolf's paintings. Organized by Di, their son Lukas (57) and daughter Sondra (60), both of whom visit Di frequently from Basel, this is the second exhibition of Rolf's work. Soon after his death, it was celebrated by a major show in Mendrisio. • Now to a sad piece of news. **Janet Bogart Phinney** died on New Year's Day. In her remarks for our reunion yearbook, she stated: "I've had a miraculously happy life—mainly because I'm married to Skip, who loves life so profoundly that nothing is ordinary." We send condolences to her family but with the knowledge that she lived life joyously and with a deep faith so that the love and joy she recognized in that same short statement filled her years.

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The spring edition of these notes reported the successful conclusion of the search for **Don Peach**, who was found to be tending his garden in Rangely, Colo., living quietly with wife Tineke, the sister of our Dutch classmate, **Jan Luytjes**. What we might call the Pursuit of Peach had positive consequences, for it shook loose a couple of classmates we had not heard from in a while—Pals of Peach, one might say (but probably shouldn't). • **Ed Hickcox**, former news sleuth and editor of the *Campus* during our senior year, wrote seeking news of Peach. Ed feels distant from his Middlebury days, his college friends, and the College. So much has changed! Although his ardor for Middlebury seems to have cooled, he notes that it was a good place for us and he has good memories. Ed seemed headed for a career in journalism, but ended up as a teacher, getting advanced degrees and eventually moving to Canada, where he chaired his dept. at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education, a branch of the prestigious Univ. of Toronto. (Full disclosure: My grandson, Robert, is to graduate from this distinguished institution.) Ed says his work and career have been highly gratifying, involving fruitful research, significant teaching and publication, and extensive travel throughout the world. He has clearly carved out a niche for himself in Canadian education. Retired now in beautiful Victoria on Vancouver Island, where his young wife is still working for the Canadian government, he wishes he could reconnect with college friends like Peach, **Ed Perrin**, **Al Kimbell**, and others. • I noted last issue that **Al** was the man who solved the mystery of Peach's nondisappearance. Getting back in touch with Al for the first time since we planned the dinner for our 10th reunion was a delightful bonus. He suggested we meet for lunch in Richmond, Ind., an hour's trip for both of us. He knew a place with fine bar-b-que (Midwest spelling). Weather and medical appointments intervened, but we had a good time getting reacquainted on the phone. Al still seems deeply involved in Indianapolis activities, but he and wife Anne had time for a trip to Florida to visit not the beaches but the baseball training camps. It turns out Al, in semiretirement, is a baseball mogul, a vice chairman and treasurer of the Indiana Indians, the Triple A farm team of the Pittsburgh Pirates. We have seen locally, in Columbus and Dayton, that minor league baseball is very popular, with new, downtown stadiums that sell out regularly. Al notes the Indians are also very popular and very lucrative. Al and Anne planned to visit the training camp of the Pirates in Bradenton and possibly move on to the training camp of Al's first and truest love of his youth, the Philadelphia Phillies. • I missed a chance for lunch with **Ann Findley Wohl** when she passed by on a whirlwind tour of Ohio and beyond. Ann, a Cleveland native, has moved widely around the country since graduation, ending up, like so many, farther south (Texas) and closer to her family. On this latest trip, Ann was returning to study her Ohio roots. Her visit to the Johnny Appleseed Museum in Urbana, Ohio, brought her to our neighborhood, but her attempts to call me were unavailing, thanks to one of those communication breakdowns I seem subject to. Eventually she caught up with me and gave me a lesson in Ohio history. It starts with the establishment in 1787 of the Northwest Territory and the Northwest Ordinance Act, which set forth the protocols for settling and creating new states in the territory. Surveyors were needed to lay out the new lands and Ann's great-great-grandfather, Josiah Hedges, answered the call. On the site of an 1812 fort on the Sandusky River, he founded the town of Tiffin, now home to Heidelberg Univ. (Ann recommends dining at the Pioneer Mill of Tiffin.) Josiah's brother, James, and thereby some sort of great-great-uncle to Ann, had already founded the town of Mansfield, naming it after his boss, Jared Mansfield, who from 1803 to 1812 was surveyor general of the Northwest Territory. Thus Ohio was laid out by Findley ancestors. On Ann's next swing through I'll make sure not to miss lunch. • A note from **Marge McCallum Smith** says she, an inveterate traveler who has been all over this country and abroad, has cut back since many of the places are not as relaxed these days as they once were. She is still happy in Portland, Ore., and has taken to exploring her adopted Oregon and the beautiful coast. But she does get to Florida in the winter to visit family and enjoys seeing Don '51 and **Biffy Darling Sherburne**. • Saving the bad news for last, we have learned of the death of **Marilyn Mackie Frankenbach**. She transferred to Middlebury in our sophomore year. I met her at a dance and later enjoyed walking and talking with her after a shared class. She was petite, friendly, very pretty, and very popular, as I and many others found out when we tried to get a date. It's sad to hear the news and I regret that I don't know anything more about her life after graduation. She was not one for reunions, but she'll be missed by those she had to leave. And some classmates will remember her smile. • Enjoy your summer, but let us hear what you are up to. And that includes you, **Don Peach**.

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Correspondent **Sally Dickerman Brew** reports: You will be reading these notes after our 60th reunion. In the fall issue we will share with you all the information we can gather

during our reunion. Once again we encourage you all to send to us notes on your activities. • **Junie Stringer DeCoster** sent the following email about a '55 mini-reunion in Sanibel Island, Fla. "Seven of us gathered at a house I've been renting every March for 20 years. Five days of truly perfect weather! Swimming, walking, sunning on the beach; lovely meals cooked by everyone but me. Lots of yakking about life, our histories with Middlebury, some politics, the world, and no end of opinions about everything. All was in good humor. The group was **Suzie Heyer Byers**, **Nancy Walker Faulkner**, **Pat Hinman Makin**, **Patsy Blake Stimson**, **Kathy Hughes Von Hartz**, **Nancy Heiland Worthington**, and me." • **George Limbach**, **Sidney Brock Gates**, and I (**Sally**) enjoyed skiing with spouses at Vail in February. This is somewhat of a contrast to those sunning on Sanibel beaches. **Sid** and husband Caleb are still avid about fishing. They fish at their Colorado cabin in the summer and in wonderful spots such as Argentina in the winter. • **Ann Towle Dolbashian** recently made the move to an assisted living facility and says the move was an excellent choice. She didn't have to move far and her children are nearby. She's enjoying all the amenities—good meals, entertainment, exercise programs, a van to take her where she wishes to go. She did give up driving, which she does not miss. While at Middlebury, she was an accompanist playing the piano and organ for groups. She continued playing the organ in her church for many years and is now an accompanist in her new living quarters. • **Sandra Sharp Joncus** is a classmate who is staying in her Old Lyme, Conn., house where she and her husband have lived for 45 years. This past winter was very difficult especially trying to get around, but fortunately they had built a garage recently so they did not have to dig out their car every day. Her volunteering in Old Lyme includes working with the homeless society and supporting their local chapel. About her Middlebury experience she says there was a downside to living in the Château since she did not meet as many of her classmates as she would have liked. Also not everyone spoke French all the time, which they were supposed to do. However she loved living in Vermont. She spent her junior year in France, which was more unusual at that time. • Bill '54 and **Patricia Gibbs Carpenter** still live in St. Petersburg Beach, Fla., where they moved after Bill retired in 1990. For many years, they have left the heat of Florida to retreat for three months to their summer place on Vancouver Island. They have now made the decision to put that house on the market since they no longer wish to make the long drive across country. Pat met Bill her freshman year at Middlebury. She majored in Russian at Middlebury because she was tired of French and was also influenced by her dad, who was in the military during the Cold War. She mentioned that **Joan Tolley Bassett** comes every winter to Florida, but they have not been able to get together. However, Bill and Pat do see Judy and Dick McCoy '54 and they golf together. • **Mary Anne Damon Jackson** had a good visit with **Carolyn Edgar Goodrham** before Carolyn went to Alumni College last summer. Mary Anne is downsizing in her condo and has been dealing with auction houses to help her get rid of stuff. It seems antiques, silver, china, and linens are no longer in fashion with young people. • Correspondent **John Baker** reports: I chatted with **Walter Crump** after years and he sounded upbeat. Though he's still living in Sausalito, Calif., running his marina, he heads east in the summer to his Catskill house in Shandaken, N.Y. • **John Field** responded to my query: "Now a past commodore of the Hyannis Yacht Club, I still am fairly active, sitting on protest committees and the like. I'm also a juried member of the Cape Cod Art Assoc. and spend a good amount of time painting various Cape scenes." • **Alan Gould** and Pat raised funds for a "loop" system (an enhanced listening system designed for theater patrons with hearing loss) for their community theater, the Wilton Playshop, and the Americans with Disabilities Coalition of Connecticut awarded them the Artful Access Award for their efforts. Alan and Pat celebrated their 50th anniversary with a river cruise from Prague to Budapest. • **Harvey Kaplan** has been on the "lost" list for several years but I called him in Cumming, Ga. He has been fighting a melanoma but sounded as cheerful as could be expected. Consider giving him a call or at least send a note. (I can give you the contact information.) • **John Knecht**'s wife Maria told me that John has suffered from spinal stenosis for several years and has been living in the Warren Haven nursing home near Belvidere, N.J., where they have lived for many years. • **Ken Milton** is still living in Narragansett, R.I. He says there was too much snow this past winter, but now he's happy fishing and playing golf. • **Earl Samson** and Susan sold their winery in Little Compton, R.I., and he seems to be enjoying retirement. **Junie DeCoster**'s and his son is living in Singapore so he and Susan are off to visit. Small world department: His grandson Henry Samson is a classmate of my granddaughter Emma Warren at St. Lawrence Univ. (Emma's mother is Jennifer Baker Warren '83.) Presumably we'll all get to see each other when they graduate next year. • **Ed Shotwell** is still in Hobe Sound, Fla., and spends the summers in Dorset, Vt. His grandson Taylor Pirie is a member of the Class of 2015 at Midd. • **Bob Webb** is living in Norwell, Mass., with his wife of 21 years. He has two boys and a girl from a previous marriage. After serving as an air intelligence officer in the Navy, Bob studied psychology at Brown and then earned a PhD at Tufts. He was on the faculty at Suffolk University, "a well-kept secret" on Beacon Hill in Boston. • I'm sorry to report that the following classmates have died: **Jerry Gross** succumbed to a 23-year battle with cancer in January at the age of 81. He was a longtime radio announcer whose wide-ranging career included play-by-play work for the Padres, San Diego Rockets, SDSU, USD, and local high school games. Longtime Padres broadcaster Bob Chandler said, "He really did it all in San Diego. He was a major figure in sportscasting in the city for a long time." • **Robert Bickford** died last December. He and wife Cynthia had been married for 55 years and they lived in his hometown of Nashua, N.H., most of their married life. He excelled at curling and he sang for 25 years with the local singing group. • **Lucius Kempton**'s wife Jeanne told me he died January 18 after a four-year bout with Alzheimer's. • **Jack Thayer**, who passed away last June, was **Alan Gould**'s roommate. Alan writes "I have wonderful memories of our friendship, including DKE reunions at Smuggler's Notch. It was a great honor to be asked to sing 'Pennies from Heaven' at his home in Princeton for the celebration of his marriage to Martha." • I enjoy keeping up with all of you. I do my best to reach out by phone to those of you who don't respond to emails. I have had many interesting conversations and recognize your voices from out of the past. Please stay in touch! My best wishes to all.

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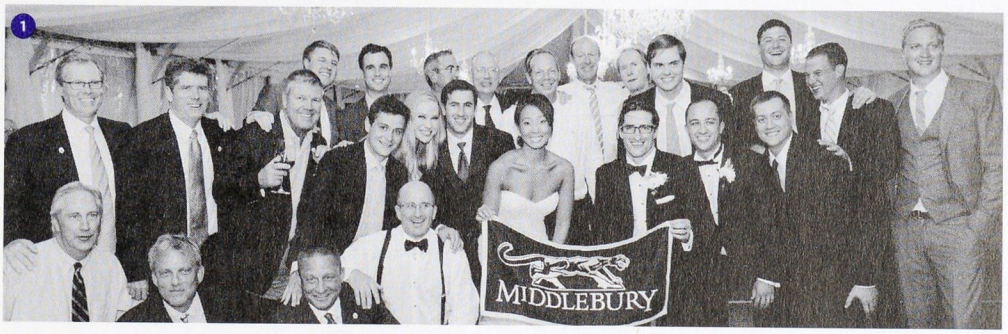
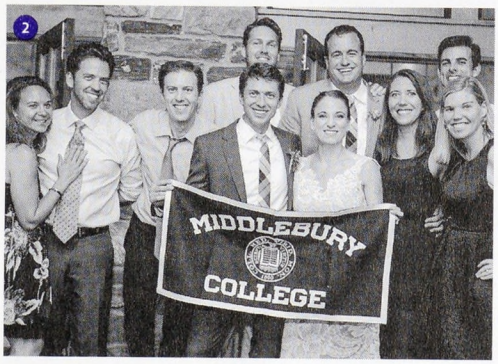
REUNION CLASS As always, we enjoy hearing from our classmates. This is from **Joan Waddell Coggins-Edelmayer**: "Yes, turning 80 was the big event that came—and went—but looking back over the last years we are ever so grateful for friends and family who buoy us along. We had a lovely trip to Vail, Colo., last April with our travel buddies, Ginny and Ralph. My husband, Jim, took many photos of alpine flowers, including the beautiful columbine. Seeing the Colorado River as a small stream in a field below before it becomes a mighty river, and the snow on the Rockies, and the rushing, wide stream in Vail, was to me revealing of God's handiwork in the water cycle. Tracing systems has always been amazing to me. In Job, the scriptures talk about God calibrating the height of the mountains so that the peaks 'catch the clouds' so that they can distill the dew. It also mentions the 'treasuries of the snow.' One of my favorite trivia facts is that if the dew is heavy enough, sheep can get all the daily water they need just by eating the vegetation early enough in the day and thus consume their necessary quantity! A big shout out to everyone." • And another classmate turns 80 and adds a vent for extra measure. **Lynne Atherton** writes, "**Marjorie Robbins**, the late **Mickey Breaks Kretzer**, and I all turned 21 in the same week, 59 years ago, and maintained a special sort of sisterhood as a result. This 80th birthday found me on a blue train between Delhi and the holy city of Rishikesh, at the headwaters of the Ganges, in a group of a dozen mostly-much-younger women being co-led by my daughter Roxanna Smith. Departing from alpha mode, I'd said, "Someone in the group has to know the *least* about yoga." The Ganges

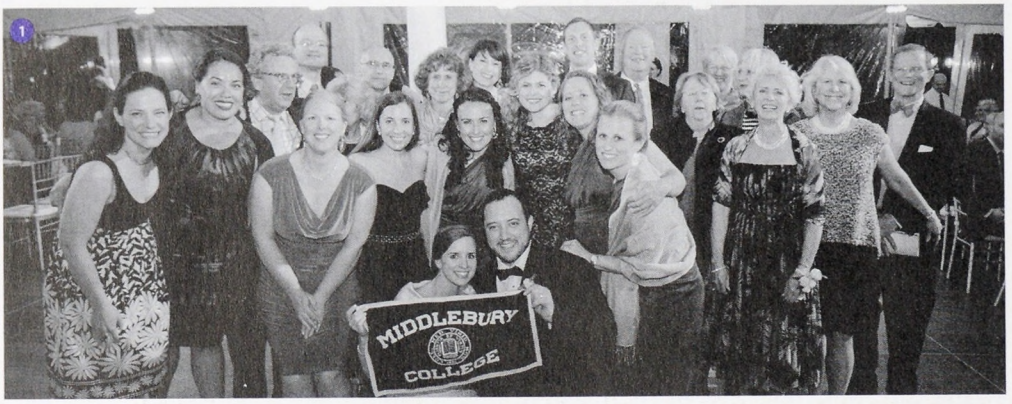
there is green, fast flowing, and very cold in January, as I can attest from having immersed myself in it. So now I'm reputedly sin-free and definitely refreshed for the new decade ahead! (PS from Judy. The photos of Lynne getting in and submerging in the Ganges are amazing!) Lynne also had another doctor story: "Last year a new-to-me eye doctor, himself of a certain age and coming across as pompous, started our appointment with, 'Are you still driving?' I was so taken aback that I blurted out, 'Yes. Are you?'" • **Jack McDermott** writes, "As my youngest daughter (MeiLu) is preparing for her final year at Williams (majoring in inorganic chemistry as I did at Midd many years ago), I'm facing full retirement (currently semiretired) without having any hobbies or much of anything else to look forward to. Traveling is still fun but I'm *spoiled* by my frequent travel *at the law school's expense*. This spring I took an almost annual trip to Vienna—a wonderful city with great food and arguably the best opera in the world. (I had tickets to a couple of performances at the Vienna State Opera.) A group of my students were competing with more than 300 schools from almost everywhere in the world in the Vis International Arbitration Moot. Other scheduled law school travel destinations include Japan, Malaysia, Macao, and possibly Australia. But that all comes to an end next May—not coincidentally the same time MeiLu is scheduled to graduate. What then? For her, graduate school. For me, ???" • **Paul Doering** writes, "Hoy! I am still alive, and so is my mother, Lucy, at 109. This spring our eight-year-old grandson proclaimed that golf was his passion, and during our visit to the local range while he was receiving a lesson, I reasoned there would be no harm in hitting a few—go through the clubs once or twice. Subsequently, we found a really good orthopedic sports medicine practitioner who specializes in spine problems. I'm reminded frequently these days of that last, beautiful two wood." • **Dick Powell** adds, "Paul and I grew up together in Scarsdale, N.Y., beginning in 1940 when we entered first grade together, 75 years ago. (Hoy is our greeting derived from the times we would win doubles tennis against his family members and would vigorously pump our hands, yelling, 'Hoy, Hoy, Hoy!')" • **Dick Catlin** reports, "**Mark** and **Nancy Warner Benz** and I will be meeting to plan some of our 60th reunion for next June. Hopefully we can have the Friday night dinner at our farm. **Mo Mower Tasse** and a friend were houseguests of ours in March at our Bahama Island home. She and also **Jeanne Savoye Breeden** have been frequent visitors and enjoy the snorkeling and island life. Just miles of white sand and crystal clear water. Mo is very knowledgeable on reef life and can identify most species. Back in Midd, I continue to help certain Midd business start-ups through my affiliation with SCORE, a national organization of volunteer business people. We help people with new business ideas to formulate plans, do their diligence, obtain financing, etc. Middlebury College has several outlets for budding entrepreneurs and some are prov-

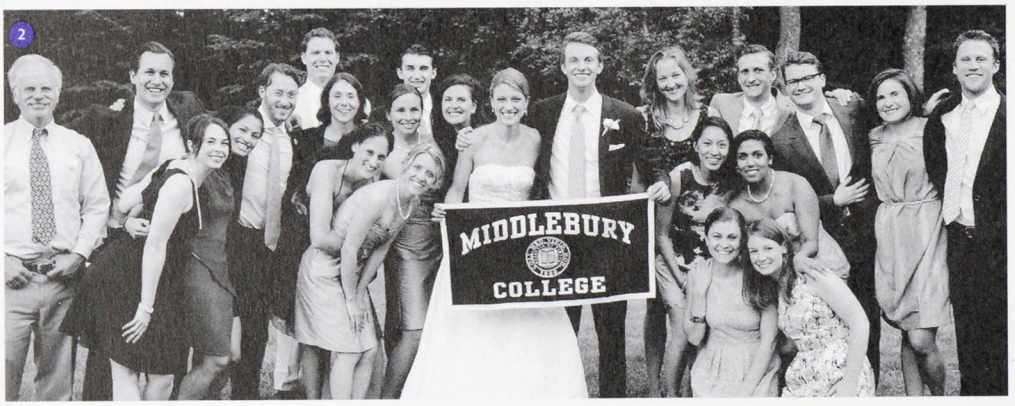




1 Andrew Matson '09 married Elizabeth Sweitzer at the Castle Hill Inn in Newport, R.I., on August 31, 2014. Midd alums who helped them celebrate included (kneeling) Frank Nelson '80, Ricky Lowe '80, Craig Franklin '80, Kevin Matson '80, (second row) Mike Haynes '80, Mark Fernberg '80, Matt O'Connor '80, Dave Miranowski '09, Maggie Crolius '09, Max Sinsheimer '09, the newlyweds, Matt Joseph '09, Tim Dillon '09, (third row) Mark Shimrock '09, Steve Shortle '09, Bob Yeadon '80, Peter Murray '80, Jeff Angers '80, Kevin Kelleher '80, Tom Andrew, MLitt '93, Blake Berman '09, Rob Palladino '09, Pete Bourdon '09, and Dan Ruth '09. 2 Sean Meyer '03 and Ariel Goldblatt were married on July 5, 2014, at the Morris Arboretum outside of Philadelphia. Midd friends who helped the couple (in front) celebrate included (all '03 unless noted) Zoe Anastassiou, Brian Hoyer, Michael Romankiewicz, John Mitchell, Matt Batastini, Sarah Ohle, Fred Wyshak, and Lindsay McPherson Batastini. 3 The wedding of Emily May '10 and Daniel Kane '09 took place on August 31, 2014, at the Howard County Conservancy in Woodstock, Md., with Midd friends in attendance: (all '09 unless noted) Emma Smith '10, Leslie Moffat '10, Hannah Day, Will Bloomer '08, David Dolginow, Amanda Warren '11, (second row) Elizabeth Kelley, Lexi Zalk '12, Matt Vaughan, the newlyweds, Corinne Almquist , Ryder Musselman '08, Liz Hand Mackey, and Will Van Heuvelen.

4 Midd classmates and friends had a mini-reunion and spent a week camping in Moab, Utah: (all '12 unless noted) Reid Pletcher (non-Midd), Emma Hodge, Becca Fanning, Patrick Johnson '11, Doug Debold, Lucas Millikan (non-Midd), Margo Cramer, Cate Brown, Dylan Reissen (non-Midd), and Taylor Sundali. 5 Midd friends and family gathered in Cumberland, Maine, at the home of Al '60 and Jean Yeomans Lamson '62. A four-hour cruise on Casco Bay was followed by lobster, cold beverages, and laughter: Jean Lamson, Nancy Sinclair, Sue Hibbert Lardner '60, (second row) Al Quimby '60, Bruce Burnham '60, Eugenia Cannon Burnham '60, Jolean Quimby, Breck Lardner '60, (third row) Molly Sinclair Bull, Lee Bujold, Al Lamson, Joe Bujold '60, and John Sinclair '62.





1 On May 24, 2014, Ellie Wendell '02 married Bob Reiter in Brookline, Mass. Many Middlebury friends and family helped the couple (in front) to celebrate: (all '02 unless noted) Lindsay Haynes Lowder, Jessica Szubart '00, Kate Orchard '04, Nicole McKnight, Suzanne Caruso, Andrea Engels, Laurie Richmond, Anna Hastings, (second row) Rob Orchard '69, Pamela Pritchard Orchard '69, Binnie MacArthur '68, Julia Lord Soule '69, Mary MacArthur Wendell '69, (third row) Jeff Polubinski, Howie McCausland (Midd staff), Cristina Rosen D'Aniello, Chris Orchard '00, John Allen '65, Susie Shattuck Truitt '69, Shirley Markland '69, Barbara Marlow (Midd staff), and Hugh Marlow '57. 2 Sara Dewey '07 and Noah Walker '07 were married on June 14, 2014, in Bedford, N.H., and Middlebury friends gathered to celebrate: (all '07 unless noted) Dana Weissman, Rachel Norton, the newlyweds, Rita Tarnate, Alyson Bourne, Sarah Shaikh, Abigail Blum '08, (second row) Caitlin Podiak, Stephanie Wong Osterman '06, Matthew Osterman '06, Rebecca Waters Glavin, Mary Frederickson, Leah Day Van Horn, Emily Murphy Kraynak, Andrew Herzik, Sebastian Paulsson '09, Willa Kammerer, David Hopkins '06, (third row) David Clark '78, Ed Bentzen '06, Billy Glavin '08, and Vandy Shanholt.

3 At a rugby annual meeting, Chris Vandergrift '11 and Seamus McKeon '73 met up. Chris's father Jim '73 and Seamus were on one of the first rugby teams together in the 1970s. 4 Middlebury friends met in NYC and enjoyed *Chicago* on Broadway, as well as good eats and traversing all over Manhattan: Felice De Ruggiero '90, Beth Ware Conway '90, Pam Rosser Thistle '90, and Erica Mushovic '91. 5 Needham, Mass.-based alums Kate Griffiths Wilk '01, Corey Wilk '01, Kristen Sylva Capodilupo '01, Zach Bourque '01 and Wendy Peterson Todd '97 celebrated St. Patrick's Day a few days early at a fundraiser for Parent Talk, a local nonprofit that helps families with young children connect, learn, play, and grow together.

ing quite successful." • And a last message from **Judy Phinney Stearns**: "By the time you read this I, unbelievingly, will have turned 80 and celebrated for a weekend with all the family and close friends at the lovely Grey Havens Inn on the Maine coast. Into the next decade we go, and we have begun plans for our 60th reunion!" Judy and Dick

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Correspondent **Gail Bliss Allen** reports: This is a reunion on paper of five of us (**Carol Van Duyn Terhune**, **Jane Smith Brekke**, **Lee Hall Albern**, **Gail Parsell Beckett**, and me) who were housed in the senior dorm Forest West our freshman year. We are still in contact with each other. From Norwalk, Conn., **Carol** comments that it was a grim winter but at least it's over! **Janie** reports that when she and her friends were returning to San Jose, Calif., from a hike near Monterey, the van driver pulled off the highway at Moss Landing and took them out to the beach, where they viewed an incredible sight. The warm ocean waters had brought in zillions of anchovies that in turn attracted feasting birds (cormorants and gulls), seals, sea lions, and otters. However, the most spectacular attractions were the breaching gray whales, getting their fill of fish. All this was happening within a hundred yards of where they were standing. It was tempting to hang around and watch the show as long as it would last, but they "had miles to go before...." **Lee** says, "We attended the Feb Celebration for our granddaughter, Tory Sheffield, the weekend of January 30–31. There was a joyous convocation in Mead Chapel on Saturday morning followed by the 'Ski Down' in gowns at the Snow Bowl on a bitterly cold day. In attendance were three generations of Middlebury graduates: Tory, Class of 2014.5, her two aunts, Ann Albern Olmsted '86 and Ellen Sheffield Pace '87, and grandmother Lee." **Gail P.** reports that they left their New Hampshire home to enjoy the warmth and sun in Florida on their annual end-of-the-winter trip, with their bikes on the back of their car. I (**Gail B.**) say that we didn't really have a winter in Federal Way, Wash., and my California home in the Sierras has had drought conditions, as well as much of the rest of California. • **Drue Cortell Gensler** sent word that husband Art has written a book called *Art's Principles.* She says it has short, cartooned chapters of lessons learned in serving employees and clients really well over the past 50 years. It focuses on the big ideas that shaped the firm—family, sharing, trust, and adding value. Wonderful philosophy, she says! She added that they were headed to Antwerp and Amsterdam in June with a San Francisco Museum of Modern Art special group after her "roto-rooter" arthroscopic surgery on the lumbar area. September is when they will have their great celebration in San

Francisco for the 50th year of Gensler. She says, "It's the largest architectural firm in the world and just two of us started it part time 50 years ago—whew!" She adds, "We have 10 wonderful grandkids, ages 28 down to 3, and the oldest is a 2008 Midd grad with a graduate degree in architecture, working at the L.A. offices; the next two live in London, one getting her second master's at King's College in Art and one who graduated from the London College of Engineering who's working in product development at the London office; one is at the Univ. of Oregon studying interior architecture; the next one is heading to Cornell's architecture school in the fall; the next two are at St. George's School in Newport, R.I.; the 13-year-old is a shining athlete, and the three-year-old rules us all! Sending hellos to everyone." • We would like to thank **Barclay Johnson** for serving as a class correspondent. He is now stepping down and **Rick Raskopf** is taking over. You can send him news at the addresses below.

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Diana Chmielewski Diamond, who lives in Palo Alto, Calif., writes, "Retirement is boring—a minority point of view, I am sure. But after working 45 years full time, I find that writing a weekly political column for the Midpeninsula Bay Area is not enough to keep me busy. As a Stanford professor recently told me, he's 'failed retirement three times.' Don't get me wrong, I love the writing—it keeps my mind alive and active. I lucked into the journalism profession, and it has been a surprising, and unexpectedly fulfilling, career. One becomes a Renaissance person—constantly learning a little about a lot of old and especially new things. I am always thinking, what can I write (or learn) about next? Besides my writing career, I spent a decade at Stanford Univ. working for the president and board of trustees as the 'go-to' person for South African issues and writing position papers and speeches for the president. Before that, I was a publisher and editor for a new magazine for the State Bar of California, *California Lawyer*, sent to approximately 150,000 attorneys in the state at that time. I'm on several local boards now, most recently serving as acting president of the Pacific Art League in Palo Alto; taking art classes; a member of two book clubs; immersed in a Stanford course on the Psychology of Guilt; speakers' chairman for the Woman's Club; and past president of Rotary. I've been listed in *Who's Who in America* for the past 30 years. My life in many ways is wonderful—good health (some aches and pains which my doctor proclaims, 'Well, when you get to be *your* age...'), a great husband, and occasional vacations. My four sons and their spouses are a treasure, as are my seven grandkids. So I guess I'm writing this as a woman coping with this new stage of elderly life that I/we are going through. Transitions can be great—or difficult. I'm midstream in the swirl, trying to decide what to do next, as in what do I want to be when I grow up?" • **Barbara Bang Knowles** writes, "We are again in Bangkok for three months of work. I'm back in my Chao Phraya riverside office, watching the boat traffic having just returned from a weekend business trip to Doha, Qatar, where they are opening a new clinical research unit focused on genetics and cell therapy. It was a bit strange giving seminars on Sunday morning at 8:00, but we did and people came, listened, and asked questions. This is such an exciting time to be working in biomedical research." • As their home on the Cape was buried in snow, **Bill** and Noelle Caseley '59 **Locke** fled South in February. On the way they stopped in Virginia for dinner with Mona and **Dick Johnson**. All enjoyed the wonderful opportunity to catch up. Regrettably, the snow and cold followed them all the way to Hilton Head! • **Janet VanWoert Cole** caught us up on her life: "I lived on a sheep farm in Charlotte, Vt., from June 1958 to June 1965. I taught at the Weeks School in Vergennes (a state school for dependent and delinquent juveniles) from 1958–63 and at Overlake Day School, a private school in Burlington. I taught French in the South Burlington school system from 1964–75. Summers from 1963–73, I directed the special supplemental tutoring program at Camp Ecole Champlain in Ferrisburgh, Vt. In 1975 I took a job as a special education specialist in the Addison Northwest Supervisory Union (Addison, Ferrisburgh, Panton, Waltham, and Vergennes), where I stayed until 1988. At that point I became a self-employed special education consultant and evaluator, working with several Vermont schools, colleges, and individuals. I've worked with my longtime friend and mentor, Dr. Patricia Stone, a clinical psychologist. In addition to the educational institutions, we work with the Vermont court system, both with the office of the Defender General and the Attorney General. My husband, Carl, of 53 years, maintains a real estate business specializing in land and land development. Our two sons both reside in Ferrisburgh and maintain small general contracting businesses, working separately or together depending on the scale of the project. We have lived on a part of the former Camp Ecole Champlain for the past 50 years. The Middlebury professors that I remember as the most interesting in presentations or personalities are Pardon Tillinghast ('Put away the knitting needles'); Richard 'Beowulf' Brown (English); Sam Guarnaccia and Catherine Centano (Spanish); Jean Berger and Alan Carter (music); and Marion Shows (religion). The four years at Middlebury allowed me some time to explore and appreciate the natural beauty of the surrounding environs including the Champlain Valley and the Adirondack, Green, and Taconic mountain ranges. I have never left!" • **Nancy Dwyer Lenz** moved in January from her home in Glen Ellyn, Ill., to be closer to sons Brian and Eric in the state of Washington. Her new address is Aegis on Madison, 2200 E. Madison Street, Seattle, WA 98112. She would love to hear from any and all of her Middlebury friends and classmates. • We're sorry to report that **Carol Hardy Hawthorne** died on January 29 in Portsmouth, N.H. She and husband Allen '57 lived in New Canaan, Conn., for 40 years, where she created her own successful home-based administrative communications service for business executives. Later, she and Al provided computer data and graphic design support to independent business consultants and community organizations. Their love for the northern Atlantic Coast prompted the move to Portsmouth in 2001, where Carol worked with Alzheimer's patients and as a qualified referral/Medicare specialist for ServiceLink. Our condolences are sent to Al and all her family. • Departing class correspondent **Mary "Ro" Roemmele Crowley** writes, "Many thanks to all of you I spoke to on the phone and also to those of you with whom I had an email correspondence, and, of course, thank you to all who emailed me copy for the class notes. Wonderful trips down Memory Lane! It is now time for a new chapter in my life—not sure what that means yet, but I hope that I become more involved in creative activities, especially art. If you would like to get a look at the two books that I wrote and illustrated—*I Love to Visit My Grammy* and *ABC Fun with Penelope and Grammy: A Book to Draw In*—go to artandmarycrowley.com. I wish you all the best life has to offer." • Welcome to **Mary Daniels Jones**, who is taking over for Ro!

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Belated congratulations are due to **Bob Luce** who was awarded an Alumni Plaque during Convocation at our 55th reunion last June. The award is for outstanding service to the College over the years. • The fifth annual Midd mini-reunion took place in Bradenton, Fla., in February, attended by Joy and **Andy Montgomery**, Ginny and **Bick Bicknell**, George and **Anne Martin Hartmann**, and **Dick Hofmann**. We will return to January next year. • **Dick Hofmann** sold his family home in Huntington, N.Y., after 73 years: less work—but he'll miss his garden—and more time for travel. In January he traveled to Mendoza, Brazil (loved the vineyards), and Patagonia. He looks forward to our 60th reunion! • **Bick Bicknell** appears to have recovered from some severe health issues last fall. Andy comments, "He must be on his seventh of nine cat lives; it is always inspirational to be around Bick." • Joy and **Andy Montgomery**, while in Florida this winter, attended a destination wedding in Panama City, Panama. "What a thriving city with many skyscrapers, casinos, U.S. currency, the canal; but watch out for the traffic! We avoided renting a car due to limited directional signs, all in Spanish, and many challenges as to who had the

right of way at every intersection. A must-see country." • **Robine Andrau** has had a third essay published in the Sunday *Boston Globe*. She continues to write a monthly column in the *Scituate Mariner*. Her book *Bowing to the Emperor*, a memoir of her family's WWII experience as captives of the Japanese, has been delayed, and she is making other publishing plans. To forget the awful winter with the collapse of her dining room ceiling thanks to ice-dam leaks, she took her daughters, sons-in-law, and grandkids on a weeklong trip in April to see the Grand Canyon and other natural wonders of the Southwest. And, no, she did not plan on riding a mule to the bottom! • **Paul Schosberg** reports that his horse farm, Pine Lane Farm, Westchester County, had a banner year at thoroughbred sales with two fillies bringing big bucks and a colt bringing in a nice ROI in Ireland. "On the downside, we lost our 29-year-old mare, daughter of our first thoroughbred. She had produced a champ who won six stakes races." A grandson has a summer research fellowship near Cape Town, South Africa, in marine sciences. • **Sue Work Knirsch** survived a quadruple bypass in January. "The day before I was walking the dog and having a grand old time. An angiogram showed the bad news, and I was at such a high risk that they sent me to Hartford Hospital in an ambulance; I was not allowed to go home. Definitely not fun. It appears that I escaped sudden death within a few short weeks." • Gretchen and **Dean Beyer** recently returned from Kauai, Hawaii: "Still beautiful but dreadfully impacted by people and cars. It was much different 51 years ago." • In a "marvelous summer experience," **Nancy Frame Sveden** and **Ellie Bliss** met in Chicago, then took a train to Fort Collins, Colo., where they stayed with **Kate Bush Hardy** and husband Dennis. They explored Boulder and Fort Collins, "adventuring high up into the glorious Rockies." • **Bill Wemmerus** has retired from 14 years of service, most recently as chairman, on the curriculum committee of his lifelong learning group associated with Mary Washington Univ. in Fredericksburg, Va. He helps the Lake of the Woods sailing club with their annual regatta. • **Carol Sippel Monsees** continues to spend a week each month in Naples, Fla.; recently **Cynthia Haver Rigas** and **JoAnn Witmer Anderson** joined her. "The week flew by as we recovered some years of fun! I loved Alumni College last fall and plan to return this year. I am continuing to do watercolors and enjoy exhibiting in the Chicago area and Naples." • **Avery Tillinghast** attended his grandson's wedding in Deland, Fla., this winter. He is working on his high school 60th reunion. • **Earle** and **Betty Layer Hoyt** experienced a snowfall in March in Flagstaff, Ariz., that resulted in a 34-hour blackout. This summer they expect to be in Yellowstone and later Betty will make her annual pilgrimage to Silver Salmon Creek Lodge, Alaska, to photograph bears. In June they celebrated their 56th wedding anniversary. • **Carolyn Thrasher Weh** organized the final group ski weekend at Camp Manito-wish YMCA in Boulder Junction, Wis., in January. **Barbara Hart Decker** participated. They enjoyed a weekend of laughter, fun, food, games, snowshoeing, cross-country skiing, and making memories. Carolyn and her late husband, Bill, organized these annual events starting 30 years ago, and she continued after his death in 2013. "It was Bill's wish to see the ski outing hit the 30-year mark, and it did." • After a lifetime devoted to sciences, Pat and **Fred Swan** are experiencing the arts with a trip to NYC to see *Our Town* and the opera *The Tales of Hoffmann*. • This winter Kati and **Joel Boland** escaped Grand Rapids, Mich., for time in Florida. They traded 2 degrees for 79 degrees within four hours, with stops in Naples, Marco Island, Sarasota, and Bradenton. They gave high marks to the Naples Botanical Gardens. • We are saddened by the loss of **Bruce MacIntyre**, who died on November 12, and **Anne Weston McGowan**, who died on March 7, the first anniversary of the passing of her husband, **Jim McGowan**.

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Dick Atkinson is still involved in the Vermont Alpine Racing Assoc., specifically the Under-14 group in the Northern Vermont Council Circuit, hosted by several ski areas. (The Snow Bowl is in the mid-Vermont circuit.) This very professional program includes coaching, race management, timing, and audio commentary. • Mel and **Polly Johnson Stephens** enjoy seeing shows at the many theaters in the Boston area. To do something out of her comfort zone, Polly took an adult education class on modern art aptly titled "My Kid Could Do That." She said he probably could. • In the interest of preserving her Bohart Ranch in Bozeman, Mont., **Jean MacInnes** contracted with the Bridger Biathlon Club to sell the ranch and business over a three-year period. The club has the same philosophy and vision for the ranch as Jean has. Son Chris will remain as land manager, their current employees will stay, and Jean can continue to live there. • **Gretchen Augat Reilly** remarked that while on a trip to Italy, she found Italian drivers to be aggressive and erratic. Lecce was a city of many rotaries and no useful signs. One driver even backed up in a rotary. • Dave and **Helen Smith Folweiler-Chipman** sailed their Pearson 35 for the last season. As they were hauling *Good Cheer* out for the winter, they met a man who offered to buy it. Dave and Helen have had many visits with their far-flung combined family. When Helen toured a New Bedford, Mass., whaling captain's house, she was greeted at the door by **Nancy Hill Griswold**. • **Bob Cain**, **Dan Durland**, **Lars Carlson**, and **John Rogers** held their ninth Chi Psi mini-reunion. Between lots of bogeys and precious few birdies, they all enjoyed catching up and renewing lifelong friendships. All are doing well although a bit slower now around the greens. • **Lindy Hill Reed** had a real setback. When she was canvassing for the election with her hands full, a rambunctious dog ran into her. She stepped back and fell off the porch. She broke her top shinbone, which required surgery and three months of non-weight-bearing. She remarked that one of the benefits of the forced idleness was learning to say, "No, I can't," and have a chance to prioritize her activities. • **John Cowan** says he is still upright and living on the golf course in Polson, Mont. He added that he is not old enough to play yet. • In addition to tennis, **Pat Knox Davies** has taken some lessons and may take up golf on the College's Ralph Myhre course. • Last June **Ike Krasts** took his daughter on an Arctic expedition cruise out of Spitsbergen, Norway. They had 12 polar bear sightings, plus Svalbard reindeer, Arctic foxes, seals, orcas, and birds. The ship's captain brought them within about 30 yards of one bear. • **Judy Dickerman Blodgett** writes that she enjoys time with her grandchildren. As the teenagers, 14 and 16 years old, become immersed in activities and technology, it's nice to have the little ones, 2 and 5 years old, who still are excited to visit and play with their grandmother. • We are sad to report the passing of **Deborah Van Hodge** in April 2012. Debby was an Am lit major and a member of Delta Delta Delta, of which she was corresponding secretary senior year. She worked at Middlebury in College publications for years and was an interim editor of this magazine. We will miss her sense of humor and charm. • Check out a mini-reunion photo on page 63! • As you go about this summer please keep in touch with **Vcevy** and **Jean**.

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REUNION CLASS Your intrepid class correspondent was off on an "Odyssey Down Under" at press deadline. Meanwhile continue to send me news for future class notes. And don't forget our 55th class reunion is coming up next June. • We have received news of the death of **Charles Feldman** on April 18. An obituary will appear in a later issue.

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Bonnie Bonnaviat writes, "I've enjoyed the last 25 years of teaching for Uncle Sam and of retirement in a beautiful village in North Yorkshire, England. Finally, however, having had enough of its less than beautiful weather (rainy, windy, and gray most of the year), I surprised even myself by impetuously making a permanent move to condo life in warm, sunny Bradenton, Fla. I'm still busy getting settled in and readjusting to daily life and

the cultural mentality in this amazing country after more than four decades of living in seven very disparate foreign countries. As it turns out, seven longtime good friends and ex-colleagues are also retirees in the Sarasota/Bradenton area, and they've been wonderful about showing me the ropes and making me feel very welcome, as have new neighborhood friends. I've been keeping both groups (and myself) in stitches due to occasional moments of cultural and linguistic confusion reminiscent of old *I Love Lucy* episodes. For instance, a helpful grocery store lad, whom I asked to put the groceries into my 'boot' (trunk), looked down at my feet, replying, 'But ma'am, you're not wearing any!' Old habits die slowly, although I'll get there eventually. Life in glorious sunshine and warmth finds me very happy I made the move. Auld lang syne to any who happen to be in the Sarasota/Bradenton area on holiday and would like to meet up. You can reach me at bonniersvp@yahoo.com." • **Dennie Williams** writes, "I'm retired from the *Hartford Courant* as a reporter, specializing in investigations, but am now a freelance investigative writer. And, it may be old news, but I'll tell you anyway. I wrote a unique nature book about interactions and communications among wild creatures and people. It's nonfiction. The roundup can be seen on Dennie's Nature Blog and www.birdscrittersbutterflies.webs.com. Much of my spare time is spent promoting it through book sites and elsewhere. Despite having two replaced knees from three sports I played into my 40s and 50s, I am still playing tennis at a club called Kilravock, which my wife Ina and I have managed since 1980 in Litchfield, Conn. In January my daughter, Gisela '93, gave birth to her third child, a boy named Cassian. Her other two children are girls, Cosima (7) and Paloma (5). They live with Gisela, a freelance travel writer, and their father, a hard-working businessman, in Berlin, Germany." • Correspondent **Liza Dunphy Fischer** writes, "Classmates, I might have told you that my husband, Larry, was diagnosed with dementia in 2009. We moved to Iowa City to be near family in 2011. I have learned a lot about what to do and would like to share my experiences with you. First of all, early on, I hired some caregivers. Larry loves these young women who take him out to lunch, on walks with the dog, to the exercise club, etc. He gets bored and lost without direction. Do this right away, before a crisis, so you can get respite! I exercise every day, take classes, get massages, etc. Unfortunately my very close girlfriends are back in Michigan so they are not near me for those great girlfriend lunches! My daughter and little boys live around the corner so we see each other often. I am the cook many days for the family, which makes me feel needed. We have a small volunteer support group, which meets once a month and they are great. This winter we took a trip to Arizona to get out of the cold and had a great time with friends and family. If you would like to contact me, please do! I have discovered many solutions to problems. Dealing with dementia is not easy. It is such a sad ongoing loss, but you need to save yourself."

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Correspondent **Chris White** reports: Early March writing for the summer class notes. Outside, it's not very summer-like, but the time has come to set clocks ahead in preparation. Last night, while returning home from a movie in town, there was another sign of spring—SKUNK odor! • **Bill Temple** of Isle of Palms, S.C., informs us that **Pete** and Ellie Williams '62 **Pringle** on their way north spent a night with them, sharing a delightful dinner in their home with **Rick Apfel** joining them. • Since retiring as an English professor, **Victor Thompson** (Midlothian, Va.), along with wife Sharon, has ventured forth in various directions: playing trumpet in two bands, singing in a madrigal group, splitting firewood for campers in a nearby state park, counting a species of frog, taking courses in Spanish and archaeology, and bird carving. In addition Vic is in the throes of writing a second Civil War novel. They have also joined the ranks of **Judy Bogert Funderburk** (Arlington, Va.) and **Madeline Hartman Wiley** (Tenafly, N.J.) as certified master gardeners. We recall other classmates have earned similar credentials. Perhaps it is time to have a "Class of '63 Green Thumb" event meshing with College sustainability projects. • Last summer **John** and Anne Smith '62 **McHenry** entered into their second half-century of blissful marriage. Time does march on for all of us. This summer John, who has been an active adult Boy Scouts of America (BSA) volunteer for over 20 years, is participating in the BSA National Order of the Arrow Conference at Michigan State Univ. with over 14,000 Scouts. Young and old will celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Order of the Arrow, the BSA National Honor Society. • We note from our class Facebook page that **Liam English** (Cornwall, Vt.) and **Roy Crocker** (St. Helena Island, S.C.) are both into the boating scene. Roy has become a leader of several fleets in and around Beaufort, S.C., during the winter months. Summers past, he has cruised Cape Cod, but this summer his new venue is Old Saybrook, Conn. Look him up. Brie cheese, crackers, and cold white wine just might bring an opportunity to crew for him. • I (**Chris**) of Bucksport, Maine, wish to thank all who have fed me news fodder, but also send a special thank you to all who wished me well after a very scary auto accident in February. **Bill Temple** graciously sent me a replacement for the Midd reunion 2013 CD that went to Honda CRV heaven. I and wife Susan (Blume) '68 are back on Great Cranberry Island off Acadia National Park until the end of September and welcome drop-ins. • Please note: Every spring your correspondents receive a report from Michael Schoenfeld '73 on the utilization of our Class of 1963 Scholarship Fund. The report often includes thank-you letters from one or more students. This past year, we have enabled three students to aspire and grow from the Middlebury experience. Our efforts truly ensure the diversity of the student body, and in so doing we certainly are contributing to the future well-being of students and to the future financial security of the College. May our efforts continue to grow.

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Correspondent **Dori Ells Jurgenson** reports: Just missing the last deadline was the happy announcement from **Ron** and **Edie Carlson Reese** that they are delighted to be grandparents at last! "Our *first* grandchild arrived last July 3—Owen Matthew Reese. Our son and wife gave us an early Christmas present of a Nixplay where *they* upload the most recent pictures of Owen in Minneapolis and we get to enjoy the changing screen in Roanoke, Va., without any effort. Great idea for those who don't want to tinker with yet another tech device." They were also planning some interesting travel, to Turks and Caicos Islands over Christmas and in February/March a (strenuous-sounding) 32-mile hike over the Routeburn Track in New Zealand. Edie remarked on the beauty of the campus and praised the efforts of all who organized the great reunion celebration. • **Woody Hickox** also enjoyed reunion, saying he is still in sort of a glow from last June in Middlebury—a sentiment, I suspect, shared by many classmates! He says, "I'm still semiretired, teaching a class on climate change each spring. This means I still have half of my old office to retreat to when necessary and a (very) small amount of money to put towards the steadily rising property taxes both here in Decatur, Ga., and at the ancestral summer camp in Vermont. My wife, Alice, will retire at the end of May from her job as a digital text expert in Emory's main library. This opens up a lot of possibilities to travel hither and yon to see our children (Orlando, Fla., and Longmont, Colo.), do some car camping, a little hiking, and some bird-watching." They plan to spend much of the summer in Vermont before heading out west. • **Newton Baker** writes, "I am presently on the core team running across the U.S. in the name of children's fitness. We're raising money for the Children's 100-Mile Running Club based in California and serving all 50 states. We hope to raise awareness of the growing problem of childhood obesity. I've run around 1,100 miles so far doing a marathon a day with a rest day every seven or eight days. We visit school students along the way. Check the web site at raceacrossusa.org, my Facebook page, or my blog at newtonbaker.wordpress.com." This sounds amazingly strenuous! It's

Tale Of Two Writers

Truman Capote was well known for his book In Cold Blood. *But many people don't realize that one of his earliest stories was about poet Robert Frost.*

IN COLD (OR FROSTY) BALONEY
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THIS NEVER HAPPENED.
IF THAT'S THE WAY THE NEW YORKER FEELS ABOUT MY POETRY, I WON'T GO ON READING!
ROBERT FROST NEVER THREW A BOOK OF HIS POETRY AT
TRUMAN CAPOTE FROM A LECTERN AT THE BREAD LOAF WRITERS' CONFERENCE IN 1944...
...WHEN CAPOTE BENT OVER TO SCRATCH A MOSQUITO BITE AND
FROST THOUGHT HE WAS ASLEEP.
BUT 19-YEAR-OLD CAPOTE SAID IT HAPPENED.
THEN HE STOMPED OUT OF THE ROOM!
ACCORDING TO AUTHOR AND EYEWITNESS WALLACE STEGNER...
IT WAS CAPOTE— NOT FROST— WHO STOMPED OUT OF THE ROOM!
AND IT WAS CAPOTE WHO, ON THE PREVIOUS NIGHT, ENGAGED FROST IN CONVERSATION, DURING WHICH HE SAID:
I WORK FOR THE NEW YORKER MAGAZINE.
BUT NEGLECTED TO SAY HE WAS MERELY A COPYBOY.
CAPOTE THEN MADE CLEAR HIS INDIFFERENCE TO FROST'S POETRY.
...JUST NOT MY CUP OF TEA...
ON THE NIGHT OF THE READING, ACCORDING TO STEGNER, CAPOTE WAITED FOR FROST TO BEGIN BEFORE OSTENTATIOUSLY STOMPING OUT...
...THUS PROMPTING FROST TO WRITE AN ANGRY LETTER TO NEW YORKER EDITOR HAROLD ROSS ABOUT CAPOTE'S DISRESPECTFUL BEHAVIOR.
I WAS QUITE FRIENDLY WITH HAROLD ROSS.
CAPOTE WOULD SAY YEARS LATER.
SO I JUST LEFT THE MAGAZINE FOR 6 MONTHS, THEN WENT BACK.
STEGNER'S VERSION CORRECTED CAPOTE'S.
TRUMAN WAS FIRED!
CAPOTE, OF COURSE, IN THOSE LATER YEARS, ACHIEVED STELLAR SUCCESS AS A WRITER, CREATING A NEW FORM OF JOURNALISM HE CALLED
THE NONFICTION NOVEL!
In Cold Blood
Truman Capote
AN APT NAME FOR HIS VERSION OF THE FROST-BREAD LOAF INCIDENT MIGHT HAVE BEEN
THE FICTITIOUS TRUE STORY!

COMIC BY MARK ALAN STAMATY

great to see people so active, and for a great cause too. • Another classmate involved in interesting work is **Edie Sprenger Ching**, who writes that she has just completed chairing the Notable Children's Book Committee of the American Library Assoc. She says, "Eleven of us spent a year looking at books for children ages 0–14 before selecting roughly 100 to be named the notable children's books of the year. Hard work but lots of fun." • Last time I included a short note about **Susan Easton Hanson**, professor emerita and former director of the School of Geography at Clark Univ., who was awarded the Assoc. of American Geographers Brunn Award for Creativity in Geography. For a little more detail, the notice of the award discusses her groundbreaking research, "which challenged the field of (urban) transportation geography, bringing to the fore how difference—understood as gendered, classed, and racialized—matters in people's mobility, job opportunities, and access to services." The notice continues, "She has deepened these insights by extending her research into the gendered character of local labor markets, women's entrepreneurship, and the role of networks in enabling and constraining women." • Correspondent **Bob Baskin** reports: At the time of this writing it's been a year since our fabulous reunion. And you thought the last 50 went by fast. Both Dori Jurgenson and I finally reached out to **Tom Koch**, who had been rumored to be retiring from a long career as a state representative in Vermont. Sometimes rumors are actually true, and this one certainly was. After serving four years in the '70s, taking a 15-year hiatus, then serving 18 more years, Tom decided, while it had been a very satisfying run, it was time for some new blood. He was amazed at the "tributes, awards, and best wishes that flowed in, almost as if I had croaked and was participating in my own funeral!" He may be surprised, but we know these accolades are richly deserved recognition of the dedication and integrity with which he served! Those interested in learning what else Tom did with his life when the Legislature wasn't in session should take a peak in our Older Faces. One thing you'll notice is the distinct similarity between his College photo and a more recent one submitted for our reunion. Curse you, Tom. Anyway, when asked what he was most proud of from his distinguished legislative career, he unhesitatingly said, "Recovery." Tom went on to explain he was referring to his role as a champion for the advancement of treatment centers to deal with the issue of alcoholism and drugs. Tom admitted that when he became chair of the Health and Welfare Committee, he started off with the wrong attitude. He assumed, like many others at the time, that alcoholism and drug addiction could be overcome with personal discipline. If the abuse became public, these individuals should be arrested and made to work through the justice system. But as chair of a bicameral study committee, he heard testimony that turned him around 180 degrees. Two stories in particular influenced him. One was from an individual who reported to be on the verge of suicide. Fortunately, the individual turned away from those feelings and later opened a treatment center for addicts. The center was so successful, it became clear that there was a better way to deal with those affected by alcoholism or drugs. A second witness detailed her work on recovery issues and recommended the creation of a Vermont Dept. of Treatment and Recovery, putting the focus on recovery. Tom listened, and from that point on, he led the fight for more effective and positive ways to deal with alcoholism and drugs. It has not always been an easy battle, but Tom said that the original amount of funding for this effort was about $90,000. He proudly notes that the current level of funding is approximately $1 million and Vermont is recognized as having the most developed recovery system in the nation. Retirement has not ended Tom's commitment to the issue of recovery. He recently accepted a request to once again become a director and central Vermont representative on the board of the Turning Point Center. Tom acknowledged that a prime factor of his decision to finally retire was his desire to get warm. You all remember the winter weather in Vermont, I presume. He and his wife of some 45 years, Sally, spent three weeks in Hawaii and time in the Big Easy—that's New Orleans, of course. Other travel has included a visit to Turkey (a wonderful trip) as part of a delegation of public officials and he and Sally spent nearly a month in Europe cruising the Rhine and Danube, visiting many places in Germany as well as Prague, Budapest, and Vienna, where they attended a wonderful concert in the old imperial Hofburg Palace. Sounds to me like a well-deserved break.

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By the time this magazine issue goes out to you all, our 50th reunion will have been celebrated with as much style, panache, and good times as our energetic and imaginative reunion celebrators can generate. We have an eclectic assortment of classmates. Beyond, or because of, our Middlebury connection we have something remarkable in common: whether with flamboyance or humility, large impacts or soft footprints, we are managing to leave indelible impressions on the lives of others. Reunion is an opportunity to bring our canes, not our yardsticks, and share how we are passing on the courage of Gamaliel Painter's legacy—quietly perhaps, maybe with a few bright lights, but generally not without some struggle. Our next column will be full of news that we haven't already read in the '65 reunion yearbook, an inspirational piece of literature. • One of the downsides to planning the reunion has been discovering, when we sift through the archives and current data, that we have lost classmates. Most recently we learned of the passing of **Lynne Stauffer Allen**, who came to us as an ARAMCO brat from Saudi Arabia, majored in French, and lived abroad many years with her two sons and husband, who worked for Gulf Oil. The Allens moved to California with Chevron Corp. in 1985 where Lynne was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis in 1990. Always an avid athlete with a sparkling smile, and looking forward to spending retirement hiking with Don, Lynne unfortunately was confined to a wheelchair in 1998 and passed away in 2007. • **Judy Couperus Radasch Stickler** has published her first book, a memoir titled *Full Circle: A Witness to Healing through Science and Faith and Just Plain Living.* When they are not traveling, Judy and husband Dan spend winters in Florida and summers in Connecticut. • **Ann Fowler LaBerge**, associate professor of science and technology studies in the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences at Virginia Tech, has been conferred the title of "associate professor emerita" by the Virginia Tech Board of Visitors. Ann earned two master's degrees from Vanderbilt Univ. and a PhD from the Univ. of Tennessee. She joined the Virginia Tech community in 1981 and has done research in the areas of public health and medicine, with a recent focus on obesity and weight loss. She's finding contrary data to the "eat less, move more" theory of weight loss. Some of her more interesting classes have been a history of science and medical ethics and a seminar on Foucoult.

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REUNION CLASS **Judy Markland** writes that she and her husband, Bill Saunders, spent a few days last June in Paris with **Cathy Zawistoski Sampson** and her husband, Bob, before they all took a gourmet barge cruise through central Burgundy in Chablis country. "The local wines, both red and white, were absolutely superb, as were the cheeses," Judy writes. "We got to see a lot of the countryside, both from the deck of the 12-passenger barge and on excursions through the countryside. It was a wonderful, lazy trip." Judy and Bill also went to Alumni College in 2014 and discovered that **Chip Elfner** and his wife were fellow students. Judy says they've been 12 times over the past 25 years and have never been disappointed. • We received an update from **Brennan Michaels** (originally **Tina Lothgren**, then Tina Beattie, and then by her own choice, Brennan Michaels). Brennan writes, "**John** (**Beattie**) and I celebrated our 50th anniversary last summer. Our children, Emily (43) and twin boys Jeff and Chris (47), organized the party. It was memorable, in a small barn down the road with music and friends and relatives. I am busy sewing and knitting during the winter and reading all I can about the plants I love. My passion is for medicinal plants in particular, although we have a large vegetable/

1 Marguerite Dupuis Balaschak '65 and husband George enjoy lu-lu ice cream with a fellow ice-cream lover. 2 Tim Griggs '65 brought old photos to share with classmates. 3 President Ron Liebowitz poses with Anna Macwilliams Neville '45 and Elaine King Dandh '45, who returned for their 70th reunion. 4 Glen Wehrwein '68, Bob Bourque '75, Susan Polk '75, and Gordon Jamieson '75 share a laugh. 5 Seeing old friends is the best part of reunion. Photography by Todd Balfour, May Mantell, Jennifer Kiewit, and Yeager "Teddy" Anderson '13.5.

flower garden and many fruit shrubs and trees. I love making herbal tinctures, especially elderberry tincture to help prevent and lessen the effects of viruses. For the last six years I have also been dealing with the effects of chronic Lyme disease and good old plain aging. I still have some leftover symptoms, which traditional doctors still dismiss. It has made my life very difficult at times. Otherwise, I'm always so happy we chose to live in Vermont and especially so close to Middlebury. Being in our 70s now, we are definitely in a new stage of life." • **Don Myers** reports, "I'm still teaching geography at Central Connecticut State Univ. I'm in the midst of my five-year review and am discarding all my previous class notes and rewriting everything so I stay current and don't bore myself (and my students) to death." Don keeps up with his cycling at about 2,000 miles/year, both road and mountain biking. Skiing is still fun with a few ski buddies who are considerably younger. ("Hard to imagine 50s as younger," he remarks, "but there it is!") He's a little less enthusiastic about the two-hour drives for day trips, but still gets out there regularly. Don says he recently had a very kind invitation from **Andy Agrell** to join her at her home in Tourrettes-sur-Loup this early spring so he could do a week of riding in Provence. "I would have loved to have gone, but too many things were going on here. She rents her home from May through December so later in the year is off the table. Drop her a line if you'd like a great place to rent this season. Sue and I were her guests a few years ago and had a wonderful time." Don's looking forward to our 50th next year. He'll probably be up for the week to get in some riding in the Champlain Valley and ride the two-gap (Middlebury and Appalachian) loop from Middlebury to Waitsfield and back. • In the last year **Bob Nields** has moved to Pennsylvania to resurrect two Revolutionary War-era stone houses. He reports he managed to ski two hours last winter, and that was just the day before he wrote. "Oh well, keep trucking!" he says. • "I live in Fort Lauderdale in the winter and Cape Cod in the summer and have done so for a few years," **Alenda "Lennie" Canedy Morrison** writes. Her home base used to be Bennington, Vt. She's been a widow for over 10 years and has three children who are approaching middle age and have three kids among them. "I had a short working life (with pay) but have been busy all these years with caring for family, traveling, volunteering, and generally having fun. I see a lot of opera and ballet in South Florida and lots of plays and musicals on Cape Cod, and currently live with one of my three sisters. We are moving this summer from Orleans to some place closer to Hyannis. I don't see my classmates but am looking forward to seeing one from the Class of 1965 very soon. I'd like to see 1966ers and I will plan on going to our 50th reunion in 2016, hoping to see lots of you then." • **Judy Rowe Michaels** writes, "I can't believe that it's been almost four years since **Bill** died. It happened so suddenly—toxic shock from an undiagnosed pneumonia—that it still feels very re-

cent." Judy had just had surgery for a fifth cancer recurrence when Bill died, but she says she got through chemo and retired from teaching by the end of that school year. "These past three years I've been cancer free and have been able to focus on writing poetry—a third collection is coming out this summer—and on spending a lot of summer and fall time with my three siblings at our family cabin in the White Mountains." At home in New Jersey, Judy spends time on home maintenance—"a steep learning curve." She also gives talks on ovarian cancer at medical schools in the NYC area as a participant in the national program STS, Survivors Teaching Students, Saving Women's Lives. "I also present workshops on poetry at teacher conferences around the country and visit friends in Berkeley, Seattle, Vancouver Island, Ann Arbor, Boston, and the Berkshires (some great artsy summer weekends in Lenox with **Lois Markham** and Stephen). My sister and I splurged on a wonderful 10-day hiking trip in New Zealand two years ago, and I spent a long weekend at the Key West Literary Seminar, which Bill and I used to attend pretty regularly." • After retiring from a 42-year career as a minister in the United Church of Christ, **Robert Palin** and wife Carol are living in sunny Florida. He writes, "We miss living closer to our children and grandchildren in New York but still manage to visit several times a year. I've enjoyed going from the pulpit to the piano and I accompany a number of violin students in their recitals and competitions. Carol is on the board of directors of a voluntary preschool that serves minority children. We are cheered by those who pursue the common good and refuse to be dominated by negativity. The humanistic values that we learned 50 years ago inform the decisions we make today." • "Doesn't seem possible that our 50th reunion is only a year away!" **Dedee Kepple O'Neil** writes from Ohio. Dedee and husband Rory have two daughters. Megan, in San Francisco, has returned to school for a computer science degree. Shannon, in NYC, is married with

GRADUATE SCHOOLS

BREAD LOAF SCHOOL OF ENGLISH

After teaching English at White Mountains Regional High School in New Hampshire since 1986, **Dennis Rylands** (MA '74) retired this June. He taught all grade levels and for the past 12 years taught Advanced Placement classes. • Congratulations to **Nancie Atwell** ('79–80, '82) on winning the prestigious Global Teacher Prize out of 5,000 worldwide nominees. In 1990 she founded the Center for Teaching and Learning, and she donated the $1 million prize to the center. • In April **Douglas Hale** (MA '80) announced he would be retiring as head of school at Mercersburg Academy after the 2015–2016 school year. He began serving as head of school in 1997, only the sixth head in Mercersburg's 122 years as a college prep school. • **Joe Rigali** (MA '80) was recently recognized as a 2015 five-star wealth manager by *Boston Magazine*. Specializing in real estate planning, he has been a member of GW & Wade since 1988. He and wife **Tracy Winn** ('86–88) live in Concord, Mass. • For years **Richard Kent** ('91–92), an associate professor of literacy at the Univ. of Maine, has studied the writing of athletes and how writing about their experiences improves their performance and self-confidence. He is the author of several books, including *Writing on the Bus* and *The Athlete's Workbook*. • **Liam Day** (MA '04), a lifelong Bostonian, recently released *Afforded Permanence*, a collection of poems about a lifetime of experiences riding on the MBTA bus routes. He is the partnership director of Codman Academy Public Charter School in Dorchester, Mass., and sports director of an e-zine, *The Good Men Project*. • In March **Dan Cummings** (MA '06), a high school English teacher at Catholic Central in Springfield, Ohio, was honored at the 27th Annual Excellence in Teaching Awards. • On July 1 **Will Rhem** (MA '07) began a new position as upper school director at the O'Neal School in Southern Pines, N.C. He previously was the English dept. chair and head of teaching and learning at Kents Hill School in Maine.

FRENCH SCHOOL

Comcast Cable recently announced that **Kathryn Schatz Koles** (MA '79) has been promoted to senior VP and deputy general counsel. She provides legal support and guidance for Comcast's advertising initiatives. • In NYC, real estate broker **Adrienne Berman** (MA '90) recently joined the flagship Park Avenue office of Brown Harris Stevens, the exclusive affiliate of Christie's International Real Estate. • **Kecia Studevant** (MA '05) married Daryl Howell on March 14 in Glen Allen, Va. A reception was held at the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts. • **Nolan Peterson** (MA '06), a former special operations pilot and a combat veteran of Iraq and Afghanistan, has joined *The Daily Signal* as the news organization's first foreign correspondent. He is based in Ukraine to cover the conflict with Russia.

ITALIAN SCHOOL

At Virginia Tech, **Theresa Johansson** (MA '88) has been named the director of the Global Education Office, which includes the study abroad program, part of Outreach and International Affairs. Previously she was the assistant director of global education at the College of William & Mary's Reves Center for International Studies. • **Zachary Nowak** (MA '10) has published *Truffle: A Global History* in which he traces the truffle's journey from the woodlands of France, Italy, and Australia to the kitchens of East Asia, Europe, and the Americas. He is the associate director for the Food Studies Program at the Umbria Institute in Perugia, Italy.

JAPANESE SCHOOL

Marc Knapper ('89), a member of the Senior Foreign Service of the U.S. Dept. of State, began his tenure as Deputy Chief of Mission at the U.S. Embassy in Seoul on April 8. Before going to the Republic of Korea, he was the director of the Dept. of State's Office of India Affairs and also served as the director of Japanese Affairs.

MIDDLEBURY INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL STUDIES AT MONTEREY

Sean Upton-McLaughlin (MBA '09), who studied Chinese while at MIIS, is now sharing his knowledge of Chinese culture through his blog at chinaculturecorner.com. A recent post provided an in-depth examination of the Chinese concept of *suzhi*, which Upton says "often refers to the quality of an individual or a group and their associated character and behavior," and the degree to which it meets Chinese cultural norms and expectations. • International Education Management Program Chair **Katherine Punteney** and 39 students from the program attended the NAFSA Biregional Conference in Portland, Ore., last November. Katherine and **Luz Vazquez-Ramos** (MAIEM-MPA '15) presented a session on biculturalism and multiculturalism, while **Juliet Tyson** (MAIEM '14), **Jayna Winn** (MAIEM '14), **Maritza Munzon** (MPA '17) and Luz presented a session on crisis-management lessons that study abroad programs can learn from NGOs and the Peace Corps.

SPANISH SCHOOL

Rosemary Sands (MA '02, DML '13) was recently named assistant director of the Center for Norbertine Studies at St. Norbert College in De Pere, Wis., where she has worked since 1993 both as an instructor of Spanish and Italian and as director of study abroad. Her dissertation, *La desamortización eclesiástica de Juan Álvarez Mendizábal: su impacto sobre la Orden Premonstratense en la España del siglo XIX*, dealt with the 700-year history and eventual demise of the Norbertine Order in Spain (1143–1835). To date, nothing has been published in English on this topic, so one of Rosemary's top priorities in her new job will be to translate her dissertation into English in preparation for publication. Photocopies and microfilm of the primary source documents from the Archivo Histórico Nacional in Madrid, which she consulted as part of her doctoral research, will be gifted to the center and become an important part of the Spanish Norbertine archival collection. • **Maeve Ryan** (MA '03) recently began a new position as the director of marketing and as a major gifts officer at New England Science & Sailing. Previously she was the director of marketing at Suffield Academy in Suffield, Conn.

two daughters, seven and five. Shannon is an expert on Latin America, appearing on NPR and PBS when something newsworthy happens in Mexico or in South America. "For the last 15 years," Dedee writes, "I have been busy with volunteer work with the Akron Garden Club and with its national organization, Garden Club of America. I'm currently serving as one of 12 directors of GCA. The headquarters is in New York, which gives me a chance to visit with Shannon and family when I'm in the city for meetings. I have had the chance to see beautiful gardens, hear inspiring speakers, and work with women from all over the country, occasionally running into other Middlebury grads. On a family trip last Christmas to Nosara, Costa Rica, we enjoyed a wonderful week away from daily commitments and fun on the beach with the little girls. The next week, we visited the Cloud Forest for two days, a unique ecosystem that had been on my bucket list for years. It's an amazing place, with orchids, bromeliads, and ferns proliferating on the trunks of massive trees. For a plant lover, it was absolutely fascinating. Rory keeps busy with volunteer commitments—Akron Art Museum and the Conservancy for the Cuyahoga Valley National Park. We're still living in the same farmhouse, where we moved 'temporarily' 47 years ago!"

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Correspondent **Susie Davis Patterson** reports: When **Tom** and I once again "wintered" in summery Sydney, Australia, I posted a picture on Facebook of Tom and me with a New South Wales kangaroo, only to immediately hear from **Fred Myers** in Western Australia, saying he had a couple of larger ones in his backyard. Thus ensued a cross-continent correspondence between Fred and me with this update from Fred (who may be the baby of the class, turning 69 this September). Fred and family live in Narrikup. That's close to Albany, which is on the Southern Ocean, and southeast of Perth. "We've now been here 23 years with ups and downs. The first couple of years were a bit of a letdown from the relative high-momentum life of working in the Middle East, but we survived. Rebuilding and moving back to the old farmhouse (a.k.a. shack) in 2007 gave us a 'proper' retirement location. Rainwater capture and solar panels keep the utility bills down and real estate taxes here are low compared to the city (or the U.S.)." Fred played tuba (and still does) and Tom played trumpet in Randy McNamara's '64 band our first year at Midd, which Fred remembered. Fred came back to one of our reunions 10 or 15 years ago and encouraged Susie to think he'll come again in 2017. Perhaps a prize for coming the farthest distance will ensure his presence. • A year-end letter from **John Plant** (sent to me) is always a thrill and inspiration to read. John is very busy composing music, performing, accepting awards for his compositions, biking, reading Russian poetry (in Russian), reading aloud with wife Jocelyn (who continues to be his muse), and even taking flamenco dance lessons with Jocelyn, although he admits that a fall on the ice, resulting in a sprained thumb, has severely limited his ability to snap his fingers "with panache!" And the man is retired! John is on warning to block off the first week of June 2017 (as is EVERYONE) so he can perform for us and the other reunion classes during our 50th reunion. In the travels section of his letter, John mentioned visiting with **Joe Weber** on Mount Desert Island, Maine, and **Peter Kovner** in Annisquam, Mass.

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Dan Curry writes, "During J-term, I was a guest lecturer in the cinematography class, taught by Ethan Murphy, with 12 students. I covered a session on lighting and shooting green screen. The next session touched on storyboarding, but was primarily devoted to matte shots and set extensions; how to change an existing place into somewhere else using technology available to students on their budgets. I shot some backgrounds around the waterfall on Otter Creek and showed the students how to turn the small ruins below into a castle and turn the Frog Hollow buildings into a mountain range. The students did an exercise in class, turning the new library into a mosque. (The architecture lent itself to this.) The third session was devoted to shooting forced perspective miniatures so the students could add production value to their films using models. There was also an open discussion with students and faculty about the state of the film industry, dos and don'ts in finding internships and later employment, set etiquette, and other issues. The first night we screened an episode of *Star Trek: The Next Generation,* which I had directed, and then I showed some examples of visual effects technology, illustrated by befores and afters. The final Saturday night I was asked to select and introduce a film. I chose the 1956 sci-fi classic, *Forbidden Planet*, which was the forerunner of cerebral sci-fi epics like *Star Trek* and *Star Wars*. It was the film that inspired me to get into this crazy business. While on campus, **Steve Killam** and wife Adelaide had dinner with me at Fire & Ice. Also in attendance at one of the sessions was legendary Middlebury artist, Woody Jackson '70. We all went out for drinks afterwards to catch up and swap stories. Middlebury was as beautiful as always in winter. It was a joy to be back and walk our old haunts on campus in the snow. After the jaded glitz of Hollywood, it was reinvigorating to be with bright, passionate people, faculty and students eager to do things that matter. For me it was an overall wonderful experience and I am grateful to have had the opportunity. After my stay at Middlebury, I traveled to NYC to visit my son, Devin, at NYU, where he was in his final semester of grad school." • **Sue Lauf Youngquist** writes, "This winter we spent some time in the Florida Keys, fishing and sampling key lime pie. We just love the salt water and the beaches. Our area in Fort Myers was overrun this year with refugees from the North, who staged wild dance and karaoke parties/barbecues not far from us. **Gloria Crawley Pelose**'s husband John and his friend left behind about nine feet of snow to travel to Florida from Boston for their annual baseball spring training tour. We look forward to seeing them every year at that time. Fort Myers was filled with sunshine, warmth, parties, and baseball. We love our tropical paradise and hope to see many of our snow-weary friends next winter." • **Tani Carman Wolff** writes, "My daughter Elizabeth gave birth to my first grandchild, Ethan Kirkendall, on July 21, 2014. He lives nearby and I babysit him two days a week while my daughter and her husband work. It's like being a new mother all over, including picking up all the colds, etc., that he brings home from his two days in day care. I love being a grandmother, even though I've gotten a late start. I spend most of my free time volunteering for Opera Theatre of Saint Louis. Now 40 years old, OTSL has become one of the premiere festival companies in the world. Our Gerdine Young Artist program screens over 1,000 applications for 32 positions. Many of our former chorus members are regularly seen at the Metropolitan Opera stage. The company has produced 24 world premieres and 22 U.S. premieres, including 2014's *Twenty-Seven* by Ricky Ian Gordon and Royce Vavrek (just released on CD) about the lives of Gertrude Stein and Alice B. Toklas and the artists and writers they befriended at their salon at 27 rue de Fleurus in Paris. Anyone who read *The Autobiography of Alice B. Toklas* at Middlebury (or later) would find the opera with its gorgeous music and brilliant libretto fascinating. I also work with individuals who are applying to graduate school (business school applications are my specialty). It's been exciting learning about all that the 'millennials' have been doing in their careers and seeing their aspirations for the future." • From **Rita Lavin Gore** we hear, "My granddaughter, Mia, turned eight in February. She and her mom and dad visited for a few days in April. I have been out of commission for some months, due to hip replacement. I continue to serve as secretary for the Friends of the Library (nonprofit) in Coral Springs, Fla. Previously, I was involved in the adult literacy program, 'Each One, Teach One' as a tutor at a local library. After taking a number of art classes, I have been able to display a few of my paintings in the Broward Art Guild and Gallery."

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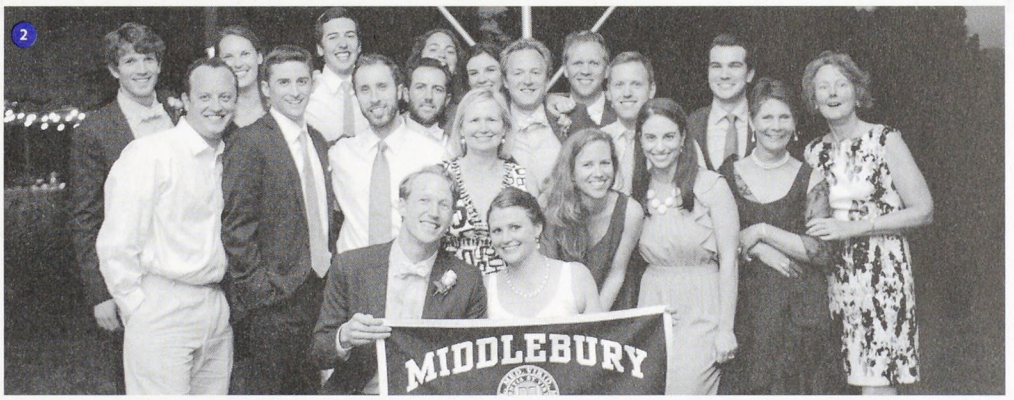
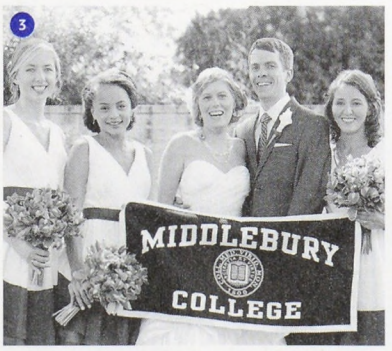
Correspondent **Anne Harris Onion** reports: **Susie Cummings Goodin** is looking forward to taking more trips with husband Rob, visiting with their children and granddaughter on a weekly basis, and continuing ongoing projects at work. They both continue their work with nonprofit groups: Bay Legal Aid, Berkeley Community Fund scholarships, and Friends of the Oakland Public School Libraries. • **Julie von Wettberg** writes, "Our eclectic life continues on Bonnie Bray farm 60 miles north of NYC—four acres populated with a variety of rescues: miniature donkeys, goats, sheep, llamas, alpacas, and, indoors, a cat. Our now 26-year-old son Dougal, who loved growing up on the farm, has expanded his horizons to design, media arts, and film at UCLA and well beyond, living and working in China for much of a year. My more than full-time work in broadcast news is now about halftime at 1010 WINS Radio and I don't foresee changing that anytime soon. Husband Jonathan Henken also has no intention of retiring from his work as a professional bagpiper, who's played Carnegie Hall, is the Forbes Corp. bagpiper, and pipe major for a Scottish band. Aspirations? More travel, although farm sitters are hard to find. We spent our early years doing three big motorcycle trips through Europe and heading off there and elsewhere as often as possible. Now we're finishing the barn we've converted into a house, kayaking and sailing, and practicing what I preach in my side business PastFinder—saving family lore for future generations, which was also my homework assignment to you all after the Reunion Transitions panel: get going and save your own family stories!" • **Deborah Burgstaller Hunt** is thoroughly enjoying retirement in Danville, Vt., where she works happily in her gardens, rides and cares for her horses, and is involved in local community issues. She and her husband are active in animal-welfare concerns, rescuing and fostering abused horses. Work on her local hospital board is time-consuming, challenging, and rewarding. • **Jill Woodman Sisson** reports, "After 35 years as a corporate securities lawyer and then general counsel of two publicly traded companies, I retired in 2009 and have been traveling with my sister (Odiorne Woodman Beebe '65) and dividing my time between our home in Morrison (Denver foothills), Colo., and our new home in Tucson, Ariz. Two years ago, needing to keep my mind engaged, I started a new business, pursuing one of my longtime passions, fashion. I started an agency selling the WORTH New York collection. WORTH is a beautifully designed, high-quality line of women's clothing sold through private shows and, in my case, in my homes in Denver and in Tucson. This summer, my sister and I are traveling to South Africa. Past years we've gone to Egypt (before the revolution), Israel, China, and Alaska. Meanwhile husband Gary and I have visited friends in Italy and the Dominican Republic. He and I share another passion: sports cars, and we own mostly Italian cars,



1 On June 14, 2014, Chris Cheang '01 married Olivia Tong in Grand Cayman. Friends who joined the couple in celebration included (all '01 unless noted) Vanessa LoBue (non-Midd friend), Nick Reeb, Chris Paul, Brian Arcese, Francisco Peschiera, Erin Sussman Peschiera, the newlyweds, BJ Otten, Kristin Behr Otten, Peter Jacoby, Jeanne Restivo Jacoby '99, Greta Simmons Herbert, and Chris Herbert. 2 Ned Courtemanche '05 married Elizabeth Schroeder on June 14, 2014, at Cavalry Church in the bride's hometown of Pittsburgh, Pa. Middlebury friends who attended the wedding helped the couple (in front) celebrate: (all '05 unless noted) Matt Kasper, MA English '12, Eric Fraser, Matt Meyer, Elizabeth Hawkey '85, Katherine Hunsberger, Holly Haertel Hill, Chris Eaton '79, Anne Van Ingen '77, (second row) Thomas Stults, Katherine Hicks, Jon Peterson, Scott Palmer, Caitlin Toombs, Lauren Almquist Lively, Jay Wolfgram, Ben Lively '99, Eric Smith '04, and Jim Hickey.



3 Halley Ostergard '09 married Chad Kruse on August 16, 2014, in Lincoln, Neb. Bridesmaids joined the celebration with the couple: Emily Gullickson '10, Stephanie Astaphan '10, the newlyweds, and Ali Glassie '08. 4 Lamia Bennis McKearn '93 opened her store Discoveries Furniture & Finds in Denver and Midd friend Shawn Rae Passalacqua '93 made a surprise visit on opening day. 5 Damen Davis '11 and another former Peace Corps volunteer walked the length of Jordan with their donkey, Gloria Jean. Matt Westman '09 and Andrew Poulin '11 hosted them a couple of nights at King's Academy in Madaba-Manja: Andrew, Matt, Damen, and friend Will Evans.

1 History Professor Bill Hart lectures about a museum exhibit he curated. 2 There are plenty of activities for alumni children. 3 Friends from the Class of 2010 head to dinner Saturday night. 4 Alumni have many chances to engage in discussions during the weekend. 5 The interactive history wall in the new athletics facility fascinates users.
Photography by Todd Balfour, May Mantell, Jennifer Kiewit, and Yeager "Teddy" Anderson '13.5.

with an American, a German, and a British marque thrown in for good measure." • On Cape Cod, **Barbara Brennan Dooley** still works with husband Dick at the Dooley Group. However, they do make time to visit grandchildren in the Chicago and San Francisco areas, and travel both for business and pleasure. Their most recent trip in February was with the Smithsonian to Costa Rica. Our class owes her many thanks for her work on the 1969 committee, both for reunion and Annual Giving! I hope her stepping down from co-chair duties will give her more time to enjoy the natural beauties of the Cape and to preview more books to recommend, as I always appreciate her ideas. • **Tom Harrington** has published the sixth of what-he-refers-to-as his trash novels. When asked for a recommendation, Tom responded that, like one's children, each book appeals to him for a unique reason. Retired as an exec with Adidas, Tom expands on experiences he has had in his business and military travels and imagines, "What if?" He writes for himself from his home in Germany, opines for any willing readers, and hopes that travelers with reading time on their hands will enjoy the stories. While the books are available in the online market, harringtonbooks.net is the best place to start. • For 27 years, **Dave Brautigam** has dedicated much of his time to building Nordic skiing around the southwestern shoulder of Camel's Hump, Vermont's third highest mountain. After 17 years of trying to support it out of pocket, Dave left to find other ways of making a living. A teacher now, he is president of the (now intentionally) nonprofit Camel's Hump Nordic, a membership group that has built on Dave's initial trail network. Skiing himself in February, Dave took a spill that had him in the hospital for three weeks of rehab and out of work for three months. Up and around now, Dave is looking forward to being back on skis next winter. Meanwhile his sons both ski and run. August, an engineer in Reno, Nev., won the 2014 San Francisco Marathon. Younger brother Noah '12 won this year's half-marathon at the Truckee (Calif.) Running Festival. Coincidentally, Noah is also the point person in the West for the expanding Morton Trails, business of John Morton '68. • Check out www.middleburycollege69.com/class_classmates.cfm. As of mid-March, over 50 of us had signed up; 31 are listed in memoriam. By my count that leaves some 260 of us who could reconnect. This is an ad-free site, and its purpose is to build the class connection, not to raise money.

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Tena Rodgers Boehm writes, "I have a pretty wonderful life with six months in Vero Beach, Fla., and six months in the mountains of North Carolina. I'm spending a lot of time learning bridge this year, which I find super chal-

lenging and fun. I'm quite happily recently divorced for the first time and spend a lot of time being with my children and grandchildren and traveling with friends. Vero is a very special spot with much to offer in addition to the sunshine and beautiful sea." • **Dave Desrochers** sent us this update and suggestion: "**Chris** and Linda Manning '72 **Morris** and Elsa (Parrington) '71 and I learned that waiting lists for Continuing Care Residential Communities (CCRC) are 8 to 10 years. We four decided to study the concept of the CCRC to see if it was for us. We visited four of them in the Chapel Hill, N.C., area and already had familiarity with them in Seattle, Denver, and Hanover, N.H. We wrote our findings in a two-page report that is both humorous and informative. The process reminded us of college applications! The concept was so appealing we have joined the waiting list for a CCRC in Chapel Hill. If you would like to read our report, email daveandelsa@embarqmail.com." • **Judy Cullen Friede** writes, "My husband and I have just moved to Marin County. Our new address is 1 River Oaks Court, San Rafael, CA 94901. (Friede99@comcast.net) We'd love to catch up with anyone in the Bay Area. We are in a great location and love having visitors, so come on by." • **Gloria Miglietta Ambler** was looking forward to attending reunion with good friend **Tena Boehm**. "June is a great time to escape the desert heat! Chuck '71 and I have been living in El Paso, Texas, for the past 30 years, where he has been teaching in the history department and is currently dean of the graduate school at UT El Paso. I'm retired after working in the public schools and at the university as a teacher and counselor. Retirement gives me time to pursue favorite activities, volunteer, and travel, especially to Washington, D.C., to visit our kids, Peter and Kate." • We are saddened to report that we have lost another classmate: **John Rice** died on January 16. John passed peacefully at his home in Annandale, Va. He was surrounded by his family—beloved wife Joan, daughter and son-in-law Jennifer and Lokesh Jaiswal, son and daughter-in-law Justin and Megan Rice and grandson Nolan Rice. John grew up in Rockville, Md., and proudly attended Georgetown Preparatory School. After he graduated from Middlebury, he received his master's in urban planning from the Univ. of Virginia. He enjoyed his career in urban planning and real estate development throughout the Washington, D.C., metropolitan area.

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71 REUNION CLASS Mark your calendars. Our 45th reunion will be June 10–12, 2016. If you've never been to one, we promise you'll enjoy catching up with all kinds of interesting, nice people. If you've previously attended, you already know this. • On a family ski trip to Montana in March, **Rob Waters** caught up with one of the local denizens, freshman-year roommate **Tom Giebink**. They hadn't seen each other since 1991. Here's Tom's report: "As we stood on cross-country skis in the mountains where I once thought I'd be living by age 26, Rob asked, 'So whatcha been doin?' Here's what. After 38 years in Austin, Texas, I'm finally (and suddenly) living in Bozeman at the foot of the Bridger Range. I decided to leave Austin on July 2, 2014, sold my house July 6, packed up, and arrived in Bozeman in August to live in a warehouse/studio. But I'm getting ahead of myself. When **Gail (Cross)** and I got to Austin in 1976, it was a quirky overgrown small town with a well-deserved reputation for low rents and taking-it-as-it-comes slackerdom. It was too hot. No snow for skiing. But I loved the front-porch culture and stayed. Alas, the state that elected Anne Richards and in which Molly Ivins would call G.W. Bush "Shrub" descended into right-wing nuttism, and Austin metastasized into the 11th-largest city in the country. It was time to go and I did. But before then for the first 25 years I found freedom through television. Austin Community Television is one of most substantial public access centers in the country, and I had a large hand in building and sustaining it. I made documentaries, experimental and straight; made live theater/live TV/hybrid performances; made somewhere on the order of 1,500 paintings; made sculpturally skewed chairs, tables, and beds; and began work in my 30s on a very large installation I call 'the anti-gravity house,' which remains a lifelong project. On Christmas Day 1980, Noel 'Chris' Giebink was born to Gail and me. And though Gail and I parted ways a year later, his growing up was a seriously glorious adventure for me as his dad, and the largest reason that I stayed in Austin for so long. Living in hot, flat Austin is a problem for a serious skier of limited means. But desperation turned out to be the mother of adventure. I fell in with a group of 'aesthetically athletic' movers developing the dance form known as Contact Improvisation, and I've been deeply embedded in that worldwide community ever since. My friend Steve Paxton, the form's originator, describes it as 'the perfect blend of ballroom dancing and mud wrestling.' Thousands of dances and an ongoing practice of some 30 years have kept me healthy, flexible, and in general good spirits. By the mid-90s, my skills as a linear video editor were rendered as obsolete as buggy whips by the advent of computer-based nonlinear editing systems. As video editing moved into computers, I followed. That led me into software user interface development with Adobe Systems and some hardware companies, which in turn led to a fascination with designing, building, and coding my own software. The niche I found was creating installations for museums, and that's been the major part of my work for the last decade and a half." • **Lisa Marler Nelson** writes, "I retired at the end of 2014 from my animal behavior practice at a multi-specialty veterinary referral hospital in Williston, Vt. I loved the work but wanted to make room for other things in my life. I remain involved with organized veterinary medicine and with animal-welfare projects, and I'm about to celebrate my 26th anniversary with the man who happened to be sitting next to me on a plane 30 years ago! We live near Stowe, where we have four donkeys, a hinny, goats, dogs, and cats, and for the past 22 years I have had a colony of free-stall guinea pigs (all from rescues or unwanted, and all neutered—I am NOT a guinea pig mill!). We have a big vegetable garden and I love to spend time working around the barn. Snowshoeing, golf, and hiking are things we both love to do. I'm enjoying the time I have to learn and do new stuff and am grateful for every day." • **Carol Cheney Wyatt** also checked in to say that she and Bruce have made a big move—from McMinnville, Ore., the center of pinot noir country, back to Vermont. Jobs brought them to bucolic Oregon and family has returned them to Carol's roots. (Her grandfather taught at Middlebury and her mom was an alum.) "We are excited to relocate to New England, having left in 1992 for Wisconsin and then moving to Oregon in 2003. Our sons Ian and Reid and their growing families live in Vermont and Connecticut respectively. We have purchased a lovely condo in a wooded setting near Williston. There's room for our San Francisco daughter to visit, and for all the grandkids and their parents. We expect to attend Middlebury athletic events, lectures, and concerts and once again feel part of this vibrant community. I have remained in touch with **Lynn Turner Cluff**, **Natasha Kempers-Cullen**, **Gay Mann Folland**, and **Sue Lebel Young**. Last summer while vacationing in Maine, Bruce and I spent a delightful afternoon at Tasha's home and studio, sharing a meal and catching up on events in our lives. I look forward to more of these occasions in the coming years." • From Hollis, N.H., **Jane Sexton Hemmingsen** reports, "My best update is retirement, allowing time for lots of tennis, volunteering at various charities, more reading, and the opportunity to hop on a train and go places. We are now great-aunt and great-uncle to three, as well as regular old aunt and uncle to nine!" • **Marian Glenn** responded to our request for news as follows: "You caught me in the midst of setting up a classical guitar house concert for my son, Matthew Ocone, and his colleague, Isaac Sharp, and a 175th birthday party for my mother-in-law (85) and father-in-law (90). It was great fun. I'm now in a phased retirement program, teaching half time at Seton Hall Univ. for the next two years. This makes time for other enjoyable projects. I joined a community orchestra, church choir and a new GreenFaith Circle—local interfaith green team. I'm also active in our watershed organization and coordinator for our community garden. When I've had it with people, I retreat to the woods to monitor birdsongs to assess progress in a forest regeneration project. My two sons have flown the coop. Matthew blends guitar gigs with organic farming in Ithaca, N.Y., and Stephen is happily living and working in Brooklyn. My husband, Dan Ocone, continues to teach math at Rutgers."

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Diana Durham Pusavat writes from California. She earned an MA in English lit and then an MSEd in special education/learning disabilities from the College of Saint Rose in Albany, N.Y. (made famous by Jimmy Fallon). She then ventured across the country to Los Angeles to earn her PhD in learning disabilities/ed psych. After the passing of her husband Garry Abrams after a wonderful 28-year union, she remarried, this time to a physician, Albert Pusavat. She has a wonderful, artistic daughter, Andrea. Since 1990 Diana has been working in the world of continuing education in the health professions. She is currently employed with the U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs at the Long Beach VA Medical Center. She doesn't see retirement in the near future as this *new* position, which she grew herself, is like a NEW LEASE on life! • The Adirondack Center for Writing in Saranac Lake, N.Y., cultivates the art of writing and the joy of reading. The center recently appointed **Nancy Sutton Rosenthal** to its board of directors. Ironically, Nancy was a sociology major and not an English major. She is an avid reader, but not a writer. She has not an artistic bone in her body, she says, yet recently finished a term as president of the board of directors of the Lake Placid Center for the Arts. Her contribution is that she knows about budgets and other concrete things like buildings! Hence the value of a liberal arts education! • From **Mark** and **Sally Davidson Foster** comes this Midd travel report: "In February we left one of the coldest winters in Minnesota to join the Middlebury alumni safari in Tanzania. When we signed up in July we weren't looking for weather relief, just wildlife in their natural environment. The weather was great and the animals did not disappoint. Creatures were everywhere: in the dust, in the water, squabbling, running, jumping, preening, flying, grooming, nurturing, hunting, and, occasionally, feasting—all within camera range. Our three Tanzanian guides shared their expertise and entertained us with their stories. In our 16-person expedition, it was a pleasure to meet and travel with our fellow alums, their friends and family. Mark was especially amazed to meet John Marzulli '75 from Upper Montclair, N.J., his hometown. Both of them attended the same elementary school, went to the same church, and were in the same scout troop—with no memory of each other. Our group field trip to local villages was an important bonus. If you get a mailing from Middlebury inviting you to join a safari, do it! *Kwaheri*!" (Sally confirms that means farewell. Mark adds, "Our choir sang a song by that name, in Swahili, so we knew it before the trip.") • Attention Class of '72! We are announcing a Class of '72 mini-reunion at the Alumni College August 27–30. The College will be offering 10 percent off tuition to all *first-time* attendees and to those who have not been back in 10 years or more. So consider joining us to enjoy warm sunny days, cool crisp nights, and stretching your brain a little in class with a Midd professor without blue books or even the hint of an exam!

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We class correspondents get some great scoops when the Alumni Office sends us news from classmates around the country, and a recent Minnesota article featuring **Barb Diehl** was most inspiring for all of us going through life after 60. Barb is launched on a new career in veterinary work, fueled by her enduring interest in caring for animals. Her post-Middlebury vocation was in teaching French in the U.S. and at the British Independent Preparatory School in West Africa. After that, Barb embarked on a longtime career in market research, ultimately being employed as senior VP for a global company. When her husband changed jobs and she followed him from Orlando, Fla., to Minnesota, she was able to continue telecommuting until a layoff gave her the choice to continue working in her field and have a lengthy commute—or, try something different. She opted for quality of life and the chance to explore other directions. "You can reinvent yourself," Barb reminds us, and she built on her love and experience working with animals. In Florida she had cofounded the SPCA's pet-assisted therapy program; had helped animals find new homes (including fostering over 200 cats and kittens with her family, which includes their daughter); and had raised Labrador puppies for the Canine Companions for Independence program. In Minnesota Barb continued fostering cats and kittens, volunteering in a local animal rescue program while she explored further education in the pursuit of this new calling. After graduating in 2011 with an associate's degree in veterinary technology and certification as a veterinary technician, she found work in veterinary clinics. In the news article her current employer noted the value that employees with diverse professional experiences bring to their new fields, skills such as listening, teamwork, and task management. Barb has found the work both interesting and rewarding, and she also likes working with younger colleagues—as well as all the animals. She and her husband may be relocating again, but certainly Barb has no concern about finding the next job in her new vocational path, and we'll be eager to hear where she lands! She also has plenty of side hobbies in sewing, quilting, crafting, reading, and fly-fishing. • **Sue Karl Teller** still loves winter and living in Alaska. She works for the U.S. Geological Survey on projects all over Alaska; the projects include identifying and evaluating rocks that have potential for gold, silver, tin, tungsten, platinum group, and rare-earth element resources; sedimentary basin analysis; and mapping volcanoes. In the last five years Sue and a colleague have discovered 14 previously undocumented recent volcanoes in southeast Alaska. These volcanoes erupted before, during, and after glacial advances in the last million years, and flows that overrode glacial deposits and high-sea-level stands preserved the climate history of southeast Alaska that Sue and her colleague are sleuthing and unraveling. They visited Iceland last summer to learn more about periglacial volcanic features that they are observing in Alaska's "recent" past. Sue's husband, Steve, is a consulting geologist in the mining industry. Daughter Tamara is teaching English in Suzhou, China. Son Rusty is at RPI finishing an MS degree in engineering and playing hockey. Sue and Steve have 21 sled dogs and enjoy mushing and skiing on trails near their home in Chugiak and in Denali State Park from their cabin on the edge of the park. • Here is an update on **Alison Sommers Kennedy**'s job: She is the associate creative director at WGBH, PBS's flagship station serving New England. In this role she oversees branding for major PBS series, such as *Masterpiece Theatre*, *American Experience*, and *Antiques Roadshow*; as well as many local shows and specials. • Check out a photo of **Seamus McKeon** on page 64. • In case we didn't hear from you in time for this issue to go to publication, please know we welcome your updates anytime. It's been 45 years since the summer after freshman year, so we know you've got updates! Or maybe you'd just like to share some memories of that first year of ours while we were getting to know each other and the College. We've seen some great pictures shared on our Middlebury College Class of 1973 Facebook page as well. Or, how about sharing thoughts on the future? How are you imagining your life's work and play over the next 10 or 20 years? Don't be shy, join the conversation and let's hear from you!

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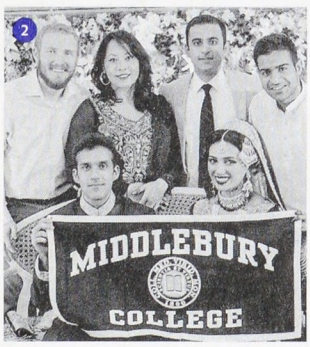
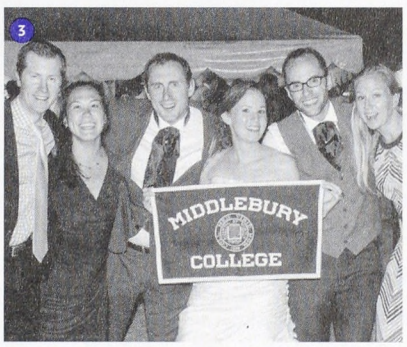
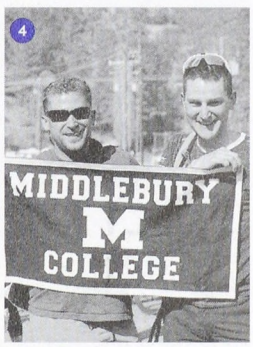
Chris Zamore reports, "Since I spent three terms in the middle of my college years studying painting at RISD, I didn't get to know my class as well as I would have liked. But I remember Middlebury as an incredibly generous and welcoming community. I picked up a wide range of interests there largely because faculty and classmates shared with me what they knew or wanted to learn. After graduate school and some travel, I started work at Belmont Hill School, just outside Boston, where I teach English, painting, and drawing and I coach skiing and sailing. This past year I was busy with a group of eight seniors building ultralight skin-on-frame canoes. I'm married to Elizabeth Kelly, who works at nearby Winsor School. Our three children are all in their late 20s, one married and working and two still in graduate school. The closest thing to grandchildren: taking care of our daughter's rascal puppy for a month last sum-

mer. On vacations we've done a lot of cycling in France, and this summer we will start rebuilding a small house up on Mount Desert Island to use as a base camp for exploring the park and the waters around it in kayaks and rowboats." • **Suzy Danco Doggett** and husband Barry '72 are still in Cleveland, but plan to spend more time at their home on Amelia Island, Fla., once Barry retires from Eaton Corp. Suzy is working at Oh, The Places You'll Go!, the European travel-consulting business she started in 1996 after moving back to the U.S. from four years in London. She says, "We still travel a lot because our children, and more importantly our four grandsons, live much too far away. Daughter Katy married an Englishman (though they have recently moved from the UK to Los Angeles). They have two small boys. Son Tyler is a tenured professor at UVM in Burlington. He and his wife and two sons are presently living in Barcelona while on a sabbatical year. So we are earning and using lots of frequent flyer miles each year." • **Ron Duquette** and his wife and son live in northern Virginia. Wife Cynthia retired recently after a 34-year career at the Dept. of Defense, serving in personnel, information technology, and other fields. Ron has become increasingly involved in what's called first-person historic interpretation. In explaining his involvement Ron says, "This business of first-person historic interpretation has been something of a surprise. About three and a half years ago, a gentleman involved in this, whom I had met for the first time in 1984 while still in the Army and had not reestablished any acquaintance with until 2009, had been asked to portray Albert Gallatin at a colloquy on debt management and the Swiss debt brake at the National Constitution Center in Philadelphia. He has been portraying James Madison for a number of years (even being in the video *Founding Brothers*, based on Joseph Ellis's book of the same name). He and I had reestablished contact while I was portraying the Marquis de La Fayette at historic Gadsby's Tavern and Museum. He's quite busy being Madison, so he got in touch with me, asked me if I would be willing to do Gallatin (knowing that I could portray an individual for whom English was NOT his first language), and, on my part, thinking this would be a one- or two-time effort, I agreed. Much to my very great surprise, the interest in this rather poorly known individual of our early Republic's history has surprised me to no end, such that I've been Gallatin some 40 times in the last three-plus years! Oh, and who is Gallatin, by the way? Only the longest-serving Secretary of the Treasury in the country's history. The satisfaction, for me, is not only in doing theater again, but in a recurring (but ever-changing) role; it's also a teaching vehicle, which allows me to take my interest in history and put it to work. This has necessitated a change in appearance—Mr. Gallatin was a chrome dome from a very young age but his hair was long on the sides and back; and so, since a wig doesn't work well at the very close removes I work in with my audiences,







1 At the Bald Mountain Vineyard in Napa, Calif., Katie Thacher '10 married Mitchell Pesesky '10 on June 21, 2014. Midd grads who were in attendance included (all '10 unless noted) Jessica Spar '11, Michael Kessler '11, Lily Hughes (exchange student), Deanna Tamborelli, Amanda Perry '11, Connor Burleigh, (second row) Andrew Throdahl '09, Emily Jones, Kelsey Ferguson '11, Kenzie Chin, Mary Cruse (exchange student), (third row) Nora Lamm '11, Christopher Hershey-Van Horn '11, Wil Mackey '11, Todd Swisher, Patrick Ford, Simran Bhalla '11, Jon Spencer, Matt Groh, the newlyweds, Joe Fallica, Will Surrette, Nina Job '18, Eric Elderbrock, Cecilia Goldschmidt, Kaitlin Ofman, Gabby Losch, Erin Rokey, Zachary DeVore, Sophie Gardiner '13, Lizzie Roberts '12, and Silas Wong '12. 2 In Lahore, Pakistan, Hafsa Ahmad '12 and Adil Khalid Tirmizey were married on August 15, 2014. Friends who joined the couple (seated) included Chris Johnson '12, Erin Prak '12, Hamza Usmani '10, and Talha Jawad Ansari '12. 3 The wedding of Gabriel Real de Azua '04 and Charlotte Ducrot took place on August 23, 2014, in Villa de Leyva, Colombia. Midd Kids present included Josh Williams '04, Andrea Gissing Yordan '05, Peter Yordan '04, the newlyweds, and Erin Lindsay Williams. 4 Tommy Wisdom '05 had a chance to watch the Tour of California and cheer on Ted King '05.

5 Midd friends from the Class of 2002 got together in Sonoma, Calif., for some wine tasting: Chris Fanning, Annie Nichols Jones, Morgan Jones, Derek Chicarilli, Devon Magee, and Ed Bogart. 6 Posse members from the Class of 2012 gathered together for a game night in NYC: Christine Valentin, Devon Wright, Alana Jenkins, Shipnia Bytyqi, Matthew Yaggy, Eleanor Peters, (second row) Janet Mondlane Rodrigues, Luis Rivera, Carl Gayle, Imani Golding, and Samantha Grant.

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I shave my head when needed and have let my hair grow fashionably long. Not only am I doing this work myself, but I am a part of a group we call the League of Most Interesting Gentlemen, which includes myself, a Jefferson, a Dr. Franklin, a James Monroe, a James Madison, and our 'natural philosopher,' the scientist, who happens to be a high school physics teacher. We've done work in D.C., Philadelphia, and Charlottesville, and we hope to be seen more regularly through a newly established Thomas Jefferson Heritage Trail Festival near Lynchburg, Va. We have been on local cable access TV in an interview, which can be seen on YouTube. My website is thechangingworldofalbertgallatin.weebly.com and I can be reached at ron.albertgallatin@gmail.com. I'm always open to speaking to groups and engaging them in conversation. I truly missed seeing classmates at the last reunion and I hope that the situation may lead me to make the 45th. On the other hand, I have been in touch with **Jim** and **Pam Gaylord McNaughton**, who live nearby. Other classmates traveling back and forth on I-95 are more than welcome to stop in and visit."

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If you have any good stories from reunion, please send them along to share with those who couldn't make it!

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REUNION CLASS Congratulations to **Kevin Cummings**, who was presented with the Corporate Humanitarian Award by the American Conference on Diversity at the Annual Statewide Fundraising Gala in April. Other award winners included Dionne Warwick, who received the Legacy Humanitarian Award.

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Cathy von Klemperer Utzschneider sent word that she has published a book, *Mastering Running.* Cathy is an accomplished masters runner and coach and her guide provides instruction on how to "run faster and stronger while avoiding injuries." For more info, see page 55. • At this time we are looking for someone who would be willing to serve as a class correspondent for the Class of 1977. It's a fun way to connect or reconnect with classmates and find out what they've been up to!

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Ed Kanze and wife Debbie continue to raise their midlife kids in the wilds of the Adirondack Mountains. Old friends who want to read about Ed's life as a writer, guide, and father of young kids will find the story in his latest book, *Adirondack: Life and Wildlife in the Wild, Wild East*, published by the State University of New York Press. The *Wall Street Journal* reviewed the book on the Fourth of July last year and kindly called it "revelatory." Ed's not quite sure what that means, but he'll take it. Lately Ed's also taken to leading trips for the Smithsonian Institution's travel wing and took his third Smithsonian tour to Australia and New Zealand. For more about his book, see page 55.

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During a very snowy February, we heard from **Sharon Flack Mussomeli** in Slovenia who reported a disappointingly small amount of snow there. She has been living in Ljubljana, Slovenia, for the past four years, but was heading "home" to the D.C. area near the end of March. She said she, and especially her youngest child, Thomas (10), would be battling culture shock for awhile! She plans to look for new opportunities and adventures in America. Welcome home, Sharon! • **Gary Schiff** sent this update: "I'm still enjoying life in the Berkshires of Massachusetts and am now in my 20th year with TD Wealth. Wife Arlene travels the country as the director of the Life and Legacy Program of the Harold Grinspoon Foundation. Daughters Sarah and Hannah have both graduated from Smith College. Sarah is at Tufts Veterinary School, and Hannah is working as a marketing associate with the Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation. I'm skiing as often as possible and last winter spent a weekend at the Bowl skiing the trees and steeps with a group of fellow PSIA members. It was my first time back in well over 20 years; what a gorgeous part of the country! If any classmates are in the area this summer for Tanglewood, Jacob's Pillow, Mass Museum of Contemporary Art, or any of the many Berkshire attractions, please look me up." • Sadly, we have learned that **Jeffrey Jonathan** passed away on March 16. Jeff devoted his professional life to education. A full obituary will be published in a future issue. Our condolences go out to his friends and family. • **Ellen Kramer** is still living in Harrisburg, Pa., where she is in her 11th year as the legal director for the PA Coalition Against Domestic Violence. She wrote, "In that role I'm doing a good amount of lobbying, policy development, and media, but I'm also responsible for overseeing the implementation of a number of statewide initiatives that support victims of domestic violence across Pennsylvania. My husband, Shalom Staub, loves his work as an associate provost, dean, and professor at Dickinson College. Our blended family of four kids and two grandchildren gives us good excuses to spend as much time with them as we can in D.C., Philadelphia and NYC! In February, I joined many of our classmates in D.C. for the memorial service for **Dorrie Fuchs**, who was my freshman-year roommate. While the occasion was a sad one, it was uplifting to recognize what an amazing woman our Dorrie was, and to reconnect with **Joanellen Sullivan**, **Nancy Limbacher Meyer**, **Majie Zeller**, **Kim Ulrich Whelan**, **Diane Olinger Robinson**, **Anne Orrick Barton**, **Suzie Devine**, **Hamish Blackman**, and so many others." Reconnecting is what this column is all about. We'd love to hear from more of our classmates and we welcome whatever life updates you want to share. So drop us a line!

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Annie Hartmann Philbrick serves on the board of the American Booksellers Assoc. and is opening a second independent bookstore in Westerly, R.I., with the help of the owner of the Ocean House in Watch Hill, R.I. The store will be two floors, about 2,500 square feet and have a small cafe. Annie is also now one of the national chairs of the Alumni Admissions Program. She spent a Monday morning on campus in early March sitting in on one of the Admission Committees and found it fascinating. She'll now make sure that her alumni interviews are well written as it was quite evident that the committee reads them carefully. Annie also spent a weekend in March at her house in Weybridge skiing at Rikert Nordic Center with Dede Cummings '79 and Trina Kassler Waters '78. • Congratulations to **Roselinde Torres**, who received a Women Leaders in Consulting Award from *Consulting* magazine. She is a senior partner at the Boston Consulting Group. • Artist **Betsy Weatherill Fram** writes, "I switched from working with pastels to textiles after my children were born because I wanted to work with a medium that was nontoxic and which would accommodate the regular interruptions that are part of a growing family. It turned out to be a great choice because there will always be plenty of room to keep pushing myself. I have been showing regularly throughout the country for the past 15 years and devote a fair amount of time to volunteering for the arts, including being on the board of directors of a local, arts-related nonprofit here in Waterbury, Vt." • On page 63 check out a photo of several classmates who attended the wedding of **Kevin Matson**'s son, Andrew '09.

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REUNION CLASS **Peter Susser** visited the Xi'an Conservatory and the Beijing Dance Academy in the fall of 2014 to give lectures and teach classes in sight singing, movement, and improvisation to music theater and music

education students. He attended the soundscape Composition and Performance Exchange (Maccagno, Italy, July 2014), where he gave a presentation on performance skills and the music of György Ligeti. Peter's Five Ballads for Solo Cello, recorded by the New York Philharmonic cellist Eric Bartlett, were released by Albany Records in November 2014. • Word comes from Ogden, Utah, that **Brad Marden** is doing some great work worldwide in the study of saline lakes—their resources and ecological disasters associated with water diversions and desertification. Over his career, Brad has spent a substantial amount time in Russia (Siberia), in Kazakhstan (Aral Sea and Pavlodar region), Uzbekistan (Aral Sea),Turkmenistan (Karabogozgol, Caspian Sea), and more recently, on projects associated with the Lake Urmia crisis in northern Iran. The restoration of Lake Urmia is the primary environmental project identified by President Rouhani of Iran. Expeditions to these remote lakes can involve traveling over 500 miles one way in ramshackle vehicles following meandering camel trails through the desert in sweltering heat. The expectation on such expeditions is that all mechanical systems will break down—the only question is how severe will be the system failure. Brad reports that although he is often the only American that people in some of the remote villages have ever seen, he nevertheless expects to run into someone from Middlebury struggling through the scorching hot desert. He's also doing water quality work for water treatment facilities in northern Utah and teaches human anatomy and physiology and pathophysiology at Weber State Univ. in Ogden. Brad would love to ski with any Midd alumni that are visiting Utah or Sun Valley. Please reach out at mardenb@attglobal.net. • **Diane Locotos Stewart** writes, "After graduating with a BA in chemistry, I went to Brown for more chemistry (PhD) and have worked in the semiconductor industry near Boston since graduating. We raised three kids in Ipswich, Mass. Andrea is in grad school at UPitt doing biostatistics and public health, Ian is starting a computational linguistics grad program at Georgia Tech, and my last child, Lily, is a sprint sled-dog racer. The two of us race together all over New England and Canada, and even went to the World Championships in Alaska two years ago." • **Ann Luginbuhl** writes: "I have been teaching at the same school in a tiny, rural Maine town for 25 years. I am the teacher for all the students in grades 6, 7, and 8. All 13 of them. I also oversee the education of gifted students in our school. In May of 2014, I was named Washington County Teacher of the Year and in November I was named Maine's GT Teacher of the Year. Quite a year for me." • This came from **Jim Miller**: "Realizing my Russian major wasn't going to get me anywhere fast, I earned an MBA from Cornell, married, and worked in the restaurant industry for a dozen years. I moved back to New Hampshire, where wife #2 (a keeper) has given me two tall children—one of whom is headed to UNH's engineering school this fall. My checkered career continues as a nonprofit consultant, magazine publisher, and occasional preacher. I have worked at Granite State College in institutional research for 13 years (who knew?) and stand in for Abraham Lincoln at schools, political rallies, and other events. We live on a mini-farm, but that is a whole 'nuther story." • **Jim** and **Cindy Yasinski Tenner** continue to run their company, Broadleaf Services, a regional IT systems integrator and managed service provider. "Working together is great except sometimes it's hard to turn it off when the workday is done. We are empty nesters and are in the process of downsizing to a smaller home in Concord, Mass. Daughter Karen recently became engaged to Shu Yang. Both Karen and Shu graduated from UMass Medical School in May and began their residencies this July. Son Dan '13 is a management consultant with Accenture, based in Washington, D.C. Jim and I loved reconnecting with Midd and spending some time on campus while Dan was a student there. Jim has also been a guest lecturer/adviser to students in the J-term MiddCore program for multiple years. When we aren't working, we enjoy spending lots of time at our vacation home on Lake Winnipesaukee. We love spending time with Midd friends so please let us know if you will be in the Boston area or New Hampshire lakes region." • **Jay Petrow** writes, "After a career in publishing as a magazine art director at *Time*, *Sports Illustrated*, and *Businessweek*, I made a career shift to landscape design just before the recession hit in 2008. It's been seven years now running my own landscape design/build firm in Westport, Conn., PetrowGardens Landscape Design. I've had the pleasure of working on the properties of a number of friends from Middlebury, **Jim Lindberg**, **Andy Sareyan**, and **Ken Dengler**, who have helped me establish my business during the transition from publishing. In the last few years I followed my passion for painting (on canvas, not walls and ceilings) and have been creating abstract expressionist works, which I have been exhibiting in Fairfield County the last year. I recently had a solo exhibit at the Wilton (Conn.) Library titled *Gardens and Abstractions*, which featured new paintings as well as photos and plans from my landscape designs. For a look at my paintings check out www.jaypetrowfineart.com." • Thanks so much to those of you who helped make this one of our longest columns ever! With another reunion on the horizon, let's build on this—join the Facebook group for Midd '81, encourage a classmate to join, and get in touch with an old friend. Please keep the info coming.

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A reminder—If you are on Facebook, we are on Facebook! Don't forget to join the Middlebury College Class of 1982 Facebook group. Just search for the group page and click "Join" to reconnect with classmates, share your news, and keep posted on Midd goings-on! • **Dan Urbach** shares some news and a correction: "I saw in the alum mag that I live in Seattle and that I am a family doc. Wrong on both counts! I live in Portland, Ore., and I'm an internist. I work for Legacy Medical Group, as of two years ago, after practicing solo for 17 years. I have a 21-year-old son, Nathan, an actor, soon to graduate from the Univ. of Oregon, and a 15-year-old son, Ben, a freshman at Wilson High School. After Midd, I went to Bryn Mawr post-bacc pre-med for a year, then spent a marvelous year in the zoology department at Cambridge Univ. (The department had a basement filled with old specimens, including those collected by Darwin!) I then went to Emory Medical School, where I met my wife, Jan. We drove to Portland for my post-grad training, and we've never left. I reconnected with Tyrone Wilson '81 last December, after seeing him in *All the Way* in Seattle. Ty lives and acts in Ashland at the Oregon Shakespeare Festival. I didn't know Tyrone was in Oregon till I saw him in *Middlebury Magazine* around 15 years ago. He and I had performed together in 1980 in *Equus* at Midd, directed by Joanne Klein and starring Ty as the psychiatrist and Mark Rhoda '81 as the boy. (I was the horse, Nugget. When I told my dad that I was cast as the horse, he asked, 'Which end?') I think Mark and the lead girl (forget who that was, sorry to say) did the first fully nude scene in Midd history. Raised a lot of excitement! Best to all in the Class of '82." • **Larkin McPhee Perese** writes, "My latest PBS Special, *Caring for Mom & Dad,* premiered on national PBS May 7, then again on Mother's Day and Father's Day. Meryl Streep narrates the show. It's available to stream following the broadcast and is accompanied by a robust, interactive website." • **Stephen Kiernan** writes, "My fourth book will be out on September 8. It's called *The Hummingbird,* from the same publisher who did such a great job with *The Curiosity*." • A quick note came from **Robin Hirsch Friedman**. "In March, I was fortunate to spend time catching up with **Betsy Horne Ahearne** while in Chicago on college tours with my daughter, Lily. Thanks, Betsy, for your hospitality!" • **Dori J. Maynard** died at her home in Oakland, Calif., on February 24 after a brave battle with cancer. Dori was president and CEO of the Maynard Institute for Journalism Education and at the forefront of the campaign to address racial diversity in the media. As a journalist, Dori had been a reporter at the *Detroit Free Press,* the *Patriot Ledger*, *Newsweek*, and the *Bakersfield Californian*. Dori was a fellow of the Society of Professional Journalists and she and her father, the journalist and writer Robert C. Maynard, were the first father-daughter pair to be named Nieman Fellows in Journalism at Harvard. The funeral was held in Oakland on March 2. Several noted people spoke, among them the novelist, poet, and playwright Ishmael Reed, who remembered Dori's loving spirit and famously wry sense of humor—as will anyone who knew her at Middlebury. Though not so noted, one

1 An alumni family enjoys the Saturday night fireworks. 2 Andy Gluck '85, David Yim '85, Don Hall '85, and John Owen '85 enjoy being together again. 3 Reunion Convocation 2015. 4 Alumni dance enthusiastically to the Grift under the tent. 5 Beautiful weather helped alumni enjoy outdoor activities. Photography by Todd Balfour, May Mantell, Jennifer Kiewit, and Yeager "Teddy" Anderson '13.5.

of Dori's oldest and loving friends and her Middlebury roommate, **Nina Ritter**, spoke for the Middlebury alum and brave fighter that Dori was, reading in part from a Dylan Thomas poem and leaving her closest friend a message: "Do not go gentle into that good night. Rage, rage against the dying of the light." Dori was predeceased by her husband, Charles Lewis, and is survived by her mother, Liz Rosen, brothers David and Alex, and sister Sara-Ann Rosen.

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Ginny Wolnowicz sent this update: "I'm a busy working mom in Florida's active real estate market, which allows me to be present to raise my always curious and affectionate son, Julien. He recently graduated from pre-K to kindergarten and has taken up sailing, tennis, soccer, piano, AND trapeze (!) forcing Mom to new heights! Mom's busy catching UP to him these days."

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We are sorry to report that **Elisabeth "T" Dragat Hathaway** died on May 23 from leiomyosarcoma. Settling in California after graduating from Midd, she worked as an exhibiting artist and in graphic design before going back to school to get a master's in psychology and a doctoral degree in clinical psychology. She lived in the Sonoma Valley north of San Francisco with husband David and worked as a clinical psychologist in Petaluma.

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Congratulations to two classmates! In January **Karen Heggen** was sworn in as a district attorney in Saratoga County, N.Y. She is the county's first female district attorney. • And another first: **Spike Gjerde** became the first Baltimore chef to win a coveted James Beard Award in the Best Chef Mid-Atlantic category. He won specifically for his work at the farm-to-table Woodberry Kitchen, where he is a co-owner.

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REUNION CLASS **Torsten Garber** has sadly stepped down from his position of class correspondent. "Thanks to all of you who have sent me your updates—I have enjoyed reconnecting with all of you. It has been a wonderful experience to be one of your class correspondents. I'm employed by Engility Corp. as a program manager and

product lead for our Navy customer here in Southern California. I work for the Naval Air Warfare Center, Weapons Division at Point Mugu. I'm working on the new EA-18G Growler that is replacing what I flew in the Navy, the EA-6B Prowler. I can't say much about the specifics of my job. It's rewarding and interesting and my area of expertise, electronic warfare, seems to be growing despite the tough government budget and the ongoing effects of sequestration. I'm traveling more and have six engineers working directly for me. Since there is a nationwide shortage in my area of expertise, I get busier every year as the previous generation of engineers and EW experts retire. My family life is also quite busy. Wife Sunhi works in the defense industry. Our kids are now 15, 13, and 11. The 15-year-old and 13-year-old are partners in Latin ballroom dancing and are competing fiercely. My 11-year-old is a huge sports fan. I coached his fifth grade basketball team in the local rec league. He then played soccer when the basketball season was over. It's been an honor and pleasure to be your class correspondent. Thank you all. Cheers!" • **Gary Domoracki** has been appointed managing director and regional manager for Barclay's wealth and investment management in Boston. Daughter Kelsey graduated from Middlebury in May. Gary hosted a golf outing at his house in Boca Grande, Fla., this spring with a bunch of our classmates including **John Aicher**, **Luke Loveys**, **Tom Farrell**, and **Henry Persons**. • **Aaron Woolf** writes, "After nearly 20 years making documentary films, I was honored to be the Democratic nominee for Congress in New York's 21st district, just across Lake Champlain from Middlebury in the Adirondack/North Country region of upstate New York. Running for office as a non-politician was a sobering and exhilarating experience, one that gave a new perspective on the best and worst of our democracy today." • **Ann McCollum** writes that she and **Bessie Cromwell Speers** are trustees on a national board together: Center for Spiritual and Ethical Education (CSEE), which is a resource to independent schools for character education and all things related.
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Jack Otter lives in Brooklyn with his wife and two children. Jack is the executive editor of CBS's MoneyWatch.com, and his personal finance book *Worth It...Not Worth It?* was published in 2012. He has written for *Newsday*, *SmartMoney*, the *Wall Street Journal*, *O* magazine, and the *New Yorker*, and has appeared on NBC's *Today*, CBS's *The Early Show*, CNN, CNBC, and Fox Business to talk about personal finance and health topics. • **Stephanie Houtzeel** lives in Vienna, where she is a mezzo-soprano with the Vienna State Opera. Her performances this year will also take her to opera houses in Copenhagen, Graz, Zurich, and Amsterdam. • "My oldest child graduated this year and is headed south to Elon Univ.—I'm still trying to wrap my head around that!" writes **Lisa McCloskey Keeler.** Lisa is teaching reading to third and fourth graders and writing to kindergarten through fourth graders at St. Anne's-Belfield School in Charlottesville, Va. Lisa also reports that **Kristen Suokko** is doing great things in the nonprofit world in Charlottesville, overseeing the Local Food Hub. "Her husband, Bill Antholis (not a Midd grad sadly), was just appointed head of the Miller Center at UVA." • **Ashley Ransom** writes, "All is well here in the Bay Area and I am in my 17th year of teaching science in a local school in Marin County. Looking forward to celebrating with many Middlebury friends this summer on the East Coast." • "Life in San Diego is great," reports **Katharine Woessner**. "I got married in April in the Florida Keys. Waited a long time for my prince. I am the program director of the Allergy and Immunology Fellowship program at Scripps Clinic, teaching, seeing patients, etc. I spend a great deal of time mountain biking, mostly racing endurance races. Anyone heading out this way, I will be happy to take you mountain biking. A fellow Midd alumna, Laura Andrews Alberton '89, is an orthopedic surgeon here at Scripps." • **Joel Brother** lives in Andover, Mass., with wife Betsy and the three "Brother brothers"—Ethan, Leo, and Henry. Ethan will be a senior in high school and attends the Sparhawk School in Amesbury. Leo just finished his freshman year as a day student at Phillips Academy Andover. Henry will be in seventh grade and spends most of his time playing hockey and trying to keep up with his brothers. "Betsy is very busy taking care of the boys, our two cats, and our 200-year-old house. In her spare time, she is a math tutor and in very high demand. We don't see her that much!" • Joel also filled us in on some other classmates: **Billy DiAdamo** lives in North Andover, Mass., and has his own law practice. He lives with wife Heather Clark '89 and kids Nick (graduated from Phillips Academy), Isabel, and Charlotte. **Jack Gaziano** is busy lending money for Silicon Valley Bank and lives in Natick, Mass., with wife Kris and kids Justine, Claire, and Matt. ("Word on the street is Justine is a highly sought after basketball player," says Joel. "I am hoping for ASU or USC, which are nice places to visit and take in a D1 hoops game.") **Scott Jones** is very busy making cool stuff out of steel and keeping up with his always busy wife, Sophie, and their four kids. • **Kristen Norton Mugnai** is in her 20th year of veterinary practice in Midcoast Maine. "My partner and I own two small animal clinics and are getting ready to open an emergency/after-hours clinic with some other local clinic owners. I also interview Midd prospects, which is a great way to keep up with what is going on. My son is hoping to land an internship in Washington next year (he's an international studies major at George Mason), so anyone with connections...." • **Emily Germain Shea** sends this haiku version of her life: "Lawyer yoga teacher mom / three kids one cafe / reinventing self (again)." The longer version: "After an on-again, off-again legal career at Ropes & Gray, I started teaching yoga. A year and a half ago, a good friend and I bought a cafe in Arlington, Mass., where I've lived for 20-plus years. We've been enjoying the agonies and ecstasies of owning a business. If you find yourself in the Cambridge/Arlington area, come by. It's called Kickstand Café. (We are right on the Minuteman Bikeway.) My husband and kids, Owen (22), Alec (19), and Maggie (17), have been good sports and occasional baristas. Maybe one of these days I'll organize a Boston-area reunion here." Check out Kickstand Cafe on Facebook and Yelp. • **Cynthia Corsiglia** was practicing securities law for many years in NYC but recently made a change—she's now working with a high school friend to develop pregnancy and early childhood video projects. The first is, she says, "a stunning, medically vetted, warm and joyful pregnancy documentary that follows the lives of 13 women and their families through each week of their pregnancy." (See 40weeksthemovie on Facebook.) The team is also working on the feature film *One*, following moms and newborns through the first year. To top things off, Cynthia recently traveled to Panama on a volunteer medical mission, and to Cuba for personal travel. And, "I have been with the most wonderful man, an architect and artist, for many years now." • "I'm living in beautiful Ann Arbor, Mich., with husband Xiaobing Tang and our kids, Katerina and Nikolai," writes **Liza Baker**. "My husband is a professor of comparative lit, Chinese lit, and Chinese visual culture at the Univ. of Michigan. I'm the grants manager at Fair Food Network (FFN), an awesome nonprofit working at the intersection of food access, sustainable agriculture, and social justice. That's the work that pays some of the bills. The work that feeds my soul is building my health-coaching practice and teaching people to 'flip their kitchens' in order to produce 21 meals a week from scratch—even when they work insane hours and/or manage a family! This year's project is to combine health-coaching with FFN's signature 'Double Up Food Bucks' project and bring health-coaching to low-income populations." • **Catherine Crawford Bradford** writes, "Here's my dispatch from the West, i.e. Jackson Hole, Wyo., where I moved from the Bay Area with my husband and three children for a one-year adventure—three-and-a-half years ago. I'm not roping cattle and rodeo riding as some might imagine in this least populated state in the country. Instead I'm an acquisitions editor for a New York book publisher, and I launched a speaker series featuring entrepreneurs, business innovators, writers, etc., as part of Google's Entrepreneurs Start-up Grind. I finished my first book last year, a memoir of sorts about a school in San Francisco. But I'm happy to be on the other side of the manuscript again, working as an editor. So if you know of any talented writers, send them my way! I love

hearing all the updates from everyone, and look forward to our 30th reunion in two years." • **Beth Winters Porter** shares this update: "After 25 years in the San Francisco Bay Area, my family and I moved to the Boston area last summer, just in time to enroll our daughter in high school. (And yes, she loves us deeply for that experience.) My entire career has been in nonprofit management, primarily with underserved youth/education, so I'm looking for the perfect job here. In addition to the one two-footed child, we have three four-footed children. Happy to slowly be reconnecting with Boston-area Midd friends!" • **Barbara Marvin Nozaki** offers this condensed version of 28 years of post-Midd adventures: "I've been married to Roger Nozaki (Princeton 1985) for 20 years. After 11 years of teaching, I began to stay at home with my children. We live in Barrington, R.I., and have three great kids: Samuel (17), a wicked good drummah and computer programmer, who's involved in the special needs community and is a peer tutor; Jacob (15), who is into computers big time! He will be a junior in high school, although he is pretty much on the five-year graduation plan at the moment. Jacob was recently diagnosed with high functioning autism. Great kid, but a challenge to parent. He's my ticket either to heaven or hell—depends on the day; and Margaret (13), who will be in eighth grade. Margaret is a great student and great athlete—she plays soccer, runs cross-country, and plays lacrosse and ice hockey. My husband lives and works in Washington, D.C. I work as a substitute teacher and an athletic coach. I run, bike, play field hockey, and swim in the open water here in Rhode Island. I wish I could tell you that I earned a PhD while training for the Olympics, raising triplets, and running my own organic farm, but I am just a plain old mom, trying to raise good kids who are conscious of making the world a better place. Cheers and good health to all the Class of 1987." • **Peter** and **Martha Nissen Stabler** traveled to Peru with daughter Emily and son Timmy, where they trekked 30 miles of the Inca Trail, culminating with Machu Picchu. • **Tom Funk** and family visited Peru this summer to connect with daughter Hannah (17), who was wrapping up her junior year as an AFS exchange student in North Lima.

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Jeremy Fryberger sent this note: "As most '88ers are fast approaching 50, we all have reminders of our accruing years. One of mine came last October in the form of a hip replacement. (Does this make me a 'hipster?') Fortunately, the recovery continues to be very positive, giving me a fighting chance at keeping up (a bit longer) with my wife, Tess, son Duncan (5.5) and daughter Nina (2). In fact, Dad's return earlier this winter to skating and skiing coincided with Nina's debuts! And Duncan's growing abilities keep me working hard towards my version of full, almost-50 form." • Last August **Román Macaya** was sworn in as the Costa Rican ambassador to the United States, his first diplomatic post. Prior to that he was managing his family business, Agroquimica Industrial RIMAC, an agricultural chemical firm. He and wife Thais have four children, Daniela, Román, Valeria, and Adriana.

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Greetings, all! I wrote this from Meribel, France, where I was skiing with **Adrienne Buda Anderson**, her husband, Chris, and daughters Katie (15) and Amy (12). We meet every year for a week of skiing—usually in Utah—and various friends and family usually join us. Before their girls were born, Adrienne and Chris enjoyed ski trips in the Alps. I missed all that fun while I was in medical school and residency. Every year since our first group trip in 2000, they have promised me "next year, we'll go skiing in France." And my answer was always the same: "I'm in!" I am happy to report that we finally made it, and we had an extra treat because the Alpine Skiing World Cup Finals were taking place while we were there! • Speaking of snow (although you'll be reading this in the summer magazine), Boston set a new record of over 108 inches of snow this past winter. One of the snowstorm survivors was **Alison Evans Ney**, who is living north of Boston with her husband and two kids, Evan (13), and Emily (11). She teaches upper elementary students (4th–6th grades) in Newburyport at a public Montessori charter school. She says, "The best part of my job is helping kids discover how fun math can be." She was definitely born for that role. Rumor has it she celebrated "pi day" (3/14/15), but her son wouldn't let her wear her paper crown to drop him off at school. • I also heard from **Steve Fordyce**, who is working at a new company, Snowden Lane Partners, in New Haven, Conn., after over 20 years at Merrill Lynch. Steve reports, "I am a single dad and have three girls: twins (11) and a 9-year-old. God is funny that way but they like to hunt, fish, and play sports." They are living in Killingworth, Conn. • Okay, Class of '89, don't leave your classmates in the dark about what you're up to these days! Trust me, no one wants a quarterly update on me, so please email me or send a note via Facebook with a few lines (or more). We want to know how you spend your days and what interests you. It might seem "same old" to you, but it will no doubt make your friends smile when they read about you.

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Congratulations go to several classmates: **Sean Ferguson**, who has been an Edward Jones financial adviser in Lemoyne, Pa., for the past 17 years, was recently named a principal with the firm's holding company, the Jones Financial Companies. He was one of only 45 individuals chosen from more than 41,000 associates across the U.S. and Canada to join the firm's 341 principals. • In January **Catherine Grisdale Wang** was appointed as the Glencoe (Ill.) School District 35 superintendent. She had been serving as the District 35 director of curriculum and instruction. She and husband Percy live in Chicago with their two children. • **Clifford Chafin** had his article, "Gauge Freedom and Relativity: A Unified Treatment of Electromagnetism, Gravity and the Dirac Field," published in the January issue of *Progress in Physics,* an American scientific journal. • Check out a photo of classmates on page 64. • We hope you had a chance to get back for our 25th reunion!

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REUNION CLASS **Kristan Schiller** continues to travel the world as a travel editor for Fodor's. You can read her work highlighting *5 Safaris that Help Save Wildlife* here: www.fodors.com/news/5-safaris-that-help-save-wildlife-11063.html. • **Bryan Thomas** was profiled in the *Daily Gazette* in Schenectady, N.Y., because he has "gained a solid reputation locally as a soul rocker." Check him out at www.bryanthomas.com. • **Marc Alcindor** is still president of Fundraising.com, a division of Southwestern (Nashville-based company). He has a 5-year-old daughter. He's enjoying coaching a PeeWee (11- and 12-year-olds) AAA hockey team. • **Clymer Bardsley** works as a mediator at Good Shepherd Mediation Program in Philadelphia and works with a wide range of people in the area of conflict resolution and management. Married with one son, Charlie (4), Clymer is in regular contact with fellow Chieftains **Ben Danson** and **John Climaco** and was looking forward to reuniting with some other Midd folks over July 4th weekend in Chicago. • **Ralph William Boone** writes, "Returning to Midd this summer for the one-week Russian Summer School refresher course! I must be crazy!" • **Robin Wheeler Azqueta** writes, "My husband, two sons (ages 9 and 4.5), and I are enjoying an active life in West Palm Beach, Fla. I continue to run a small family business and do consulting work for Bacardi in the spirits industry. I'm also managing my son's swim team at our local beach club and serving as a board member at a charter high school called Everglades Preparatory Academy, which I helped to found, in the underprivileged community of Pahokee, Fla." • **David O'Hara** recently coauthored a book with Middlebury professor Matthew Dickerson. The book, *Downstream: Reflections on Brook Trout, Fly Fishing, and the Waters of Appalachia,* "is a mosaic combining nature writing, fly-fishing narrative, memoir, and philosophical and spiritual inquiry." In addition, David's son Michael just finished and enjoyed his sophomore year at Middlebury. • **Marika**

Holmgren recently relaunched her 15-year-old event production company as Do Good Events and continues to be inspired by her nonprofit clients who are working to change the world. • **Cathie Bechan-Dugan** writes, "After 14 years as a physician in the ER of St. Vincent's Medical Center in Bridgeport, Conn., I resigned in January 2014 and began working for CityMD Urgent Care in New York, initially on the Upper East Side and for the past nine months in the company's new division in Westchester County (Yonkers and White Plains). I am truly enjoying my new job. I'm still living in Stamford, Conn., with my husband Jim and skiing and surfing when I have the time."

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Steve Schrodel started a new job as VP of operations for Iora, a health-care start-up that got a great write-up in the *New York Times* in March. Iora, which aims to "put the humanity back in health care," has been opening clinics around the country where patients work with a team of health-care practitioners to get personalized preventive and sick care. When he's not working hard to fix the health-care delivery system, Steve spends his time tending the home farm in Lexington, Mass., where he and his family will soon add several alpacas. **Charlie Buck** was lucky enough to participate in the barn raising for the newest structure on the Schrodel-Yager homestead. • **Matt Saldivar** reported he was doing another Broadway musical and had a nice visit backstage from friend and classmate **Viraj Mirani** and his family. "I also had the pleasure of being in *Act One* at Lincoln Center and sharing a dressing room with actor/Midd alumnus Bill Army '07. Back in 2009 I took a break from the city to finish my MA at the Spanish School." • **Ted Kyle** wrote to us about his Midd annual ski trip, which reportedly evolved from a fantasy football league. "We had a great weekend in Utah skiing at Alta and Snowbird and staying up late reminiscing, or something. Several of the regulars missed it this year but we did our best to carry on old traditions." He was joined by **Brian Good**, **J.J. Gilmartin**, **Miles Canfield**, **Buddy Heller**, and **Anthony Rojo**. Robin Madsen '90 joined them for a few runs.

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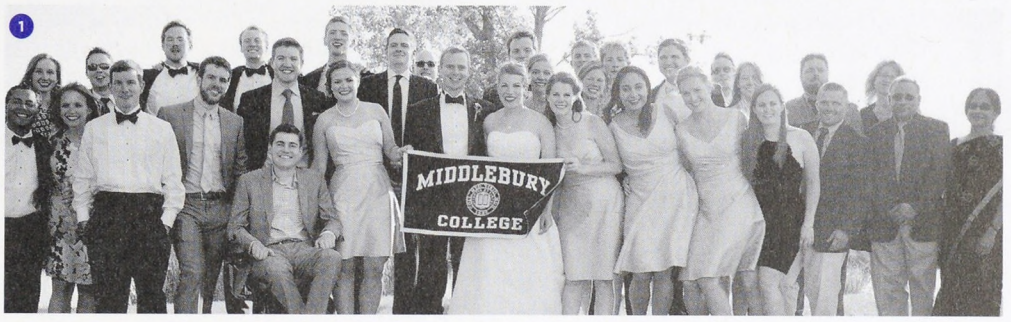
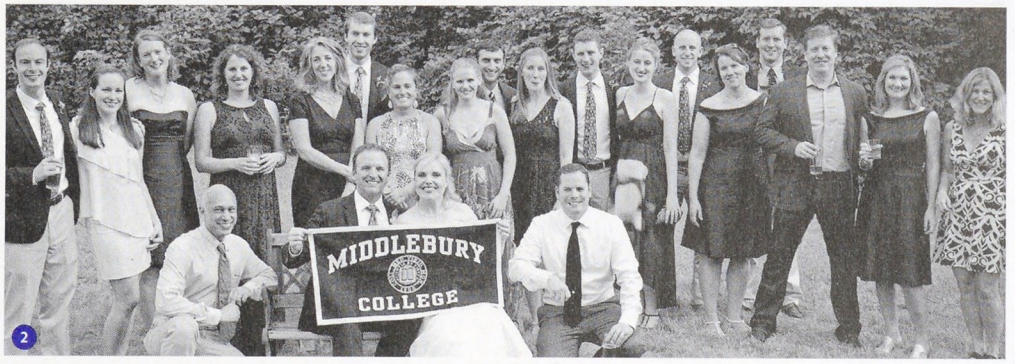
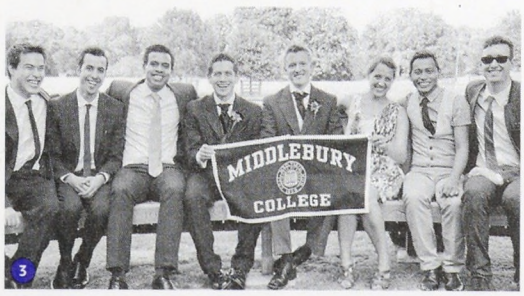
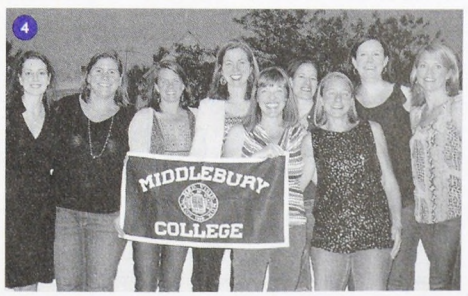
Sarah Humphries was recently hired by Ocean Conservancy as its new VP for resource development. Previously she was working at Population Action International. • **Chun Ding**, who is the managing member of CRCM LLC, the general partner of CRCM LP, which he founded in 2006, was recently appointed an independent director to the board of NQ Mobile. • Check out a mini-





1 Justin Scott '08 and Dale Freundlich '10 were married at Mead Memorial Chapel on June 21, 2014. Many Middlebury friends, faculty, and staff celebrated and danced the night away at the reception held at Tourterelle, with music by the Grift: Joel Martinez '08, Jessica Singleton '08, Jake McComb '08, Kevin Nealon '08, Andrew Goodwin '08, Corey Reich '08 (in front), Hannah Burnett '10, the newlyweds, H. Kay Merriman '10, Meghan Blumstein '11, Margo Hennet '11, Raina Crawford '10, Alice Ford '10, Emmy Burleigh '10, Doug Grunseich '10, Phani Wunnava (economics professor), Vijaya Wunnava (economics staff), (second row) Mallory Hicks Walker '08, Drew Walker '08, Jeff Boyd '08, Rowan Morris '08, Eric Hoest '08, Daniel Streitfeld '08, Clint Bierman '97, Kyle Howard '10, Noel Wanner (crew coach), Scott Robinson '09, Mike Bayersdorfer '10, Jeff Vallone '98, Teresa Wolverton '12, Peter Day '01, and Dee Gilbert (human resources staff). 2 Matt Daylor '06 and Anna Kjellson '93, MA French '99 were married on July 26, 2014, at the 1824 House in Waitsfield, Vt. Eileen Kelly-Aguirre, MA Spanish '89 and former assistant director of the Spanish School in Madrid, officiated. Middlebury friends and family in attendance included David Ostrowski, MA French '99, the newlyweds, Todd Pearce (French '97 and Spanish '98), (second row) Rob Hillas '06, Camden Burton Hillas '06, Liz McColloch, MA French '09, Kate Merritt Garrity '04, Eileen Kelly-Aguirre, Ryan Gallagher '06, Becky Belcher Feen '01, Allison Lange '06, Michael Goldsmith (Allison's spouse), Katie Devine '06, Doug Penrose '06, Emily Kilborn Penrose '07, Jeremy Shaw '06, Sarah Knowles Torrence '93, James Lamere '06, Art Levy '93, Kiley Walsh O'Meara '93, and Chris Just '85.





3 Patrick Tivnan '11 married Nicholas Akers on August 6, 2014, in Surrey, United Kingdom. Friends who helped the couple celebrate included (all '11 unless noted) Matthew Sunderland, Alaa Saleh '10, Kartik Raju, the newlyweds, Rachel Schrier, Miles Abadilla '12, and Nathaniel Kerr. 4 Best pals from the Class of 1995 gathered in Chicago to celebrate turning 40: Kate Buckley Rahman, Betsy Humphrey McNany, Calista Bailey Carter, Julie Moriarty McDonough, Tricia Moore Strachan, Emily Stone, Marnie Virden McNany, Kristen Lovely Carr, and Hillary Hubbard Pavia.

reunion photo with a couple of classmates on page 73!
—Class Correspondent: Maria Diaz (latinawriting@gmail.com).

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Mandy Levenberg left her job in June 2014 and started two companies. She started LEV Strategies, a marketing-insights firm that focuses on values and how values motivate consumption behavior. She also started a little granola company called Greater Good Granola (www.greatergoodgranola.com). Mandy makes the delicious granola, sells it on her front porch and donates 100 percent of the profits to charity. She also ships the granola and has a few Middlebury alums who are regular customers: Tanya Tarar Oblak '96, **Meg Martin Maguire**, **Brett Harman Rugg**, **Teaque Lenahan**, and Rodrigo Prudencio '91. • Long overdue for an update of his own, **Gene Swift** reports that he is enjoying life in Los Angeles with his two children, Zander and Emily. Gene is still a senior VP and the director of marketing & communications for Wells Fargo Capital Finance. He has filled his "spare time" over the past three years by training for and finishing four marathons, seeing a lot of movies with the kids on the weekends, and by oversharing the mundane details of his existence via social media.
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It's been a wonderful 20 years since we walked across the graduation stage behind Forest Hall. JP and Emily have loved being your class notes representatives for the past 10 years and now it is time to pass the torch! We would like to thank **Greg Friberg** and **Martha Mullane Loftus** for writing the class notes for the first 10 years. And we are really excited to announce that **David Diamonon** (ddiamonon@yahoo.com) and **Terra Reilly** (sansivera@hotmail.com) will be taking over the class notes for us. Here's some news about your class correspondents, past and present! • **Martha Loftus** lives in Belmont, Mass., with husband Ralph and two fun-loving kids, Emily (5) and William (3). She continues to enjoy her work as an assistant teaching professor at Northeastern Univ., where she works in the Foundation Year program, which focuses on building the college success skills of first-generation college students from the city of Boston. With a master's in education in both school counseling and higher ed, she serves on a few boards at local college-access and -success organizations and volunteers extensively at her kids' school. She doesn't get back to Middlebury nearly as often as she would like, but loves to connect with Middlebury friends in Boston and beyond. • Early this summer **JP Watson** and family moved to Richmond, Va. JP began a position as head of the Upper School at Collegiate School on July 1. • **Emily Aikenhead Hannon** and husband Chris welcomed a new daughter on January 28. "Phoebe Elise is a wonderful addition to our family and such a good baby. Her big sisters Sabrina (6) and Lauren (4) love having a new plaything. Chris, already outnumbered by girls, is nervously anticipating the teenage years." • Check out a photo of classmates on page 83!
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REUNION CLASS Our 20th reunion is coming up next June! Send us some news so we can begin to reconnect.
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Congratulations to **Aaron Hyatt** for his appointment as the co-chair of the real estate department at Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck, where he has worked since 2000. He is responsible for the strategic growth and management of the department.
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Please send us your news!
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Cameron Brown Garriepy's second novel, *Damselfly Inn*, was released by Bannerwing Books on April 13. This is the first in a series of books about a college set in fictional Thornton, Vt., a small town in the Champlain Valley. • **Lina Engelhart** is nearing completion of a master's in education with a focus on English as a Second Language in the College of New Jersey's program in Mallorca. • **Peter Nilsson** has two exciting pieces of news, the first being the birth of son Oliver Eco Nilsson on January 23. The second is he has a TEDx talk that should be online by the time you are reading these notes. • **Deb Sivigny** writes, "I'm excited to share that I have been promoted to assistant professor of the practice at Georgetown Univ. I also had the chance to give a local artists talk at the Smithsonian's Luce Foundation Center for American Art back in March. I also attended the wedding of Jessi Burgess '00 and reunited with many alums, including Anna Benvenuto '00, Molly Fitzgibbon '00, Sarah Sander '00, Jessica St. John Staunton '01, Lindsay Haynes Lowder '02, Andrew Hattori '02, and others." • **Cinda Scott** sent this update: "I took a position with the School for Field Studies (SFS) in August 2014. I am the center director for the Tropical Island Biodiversity Studies program located in Bocas del Toro, Panama. SFS sends university students to its conservation programs around the world, including Tanzania, Australia, Costa Rica, Peru, Panama, Turks and Caicos Islands, Bhutan, and Cambodia. It's been great living in Panama and I love my work. I finally feel like I live here! I get to dive and snorkel a lot so I feel very lucky every day. I guess you could say that I found my dream job because it really doesn't ever feel like a job. It's awesome!" • **Adam Consigli** writes, "I received my Master of Science from the physician assistant program at Northeastern Univ. in Boston last August. After that I moved to Grafton, Mass., and married my wife, Kerri (Giannino) in Upton, Mass., on November 8, 2014. **Pete Suen** from our class and Gerard Casal '00, Francesca Bertolini '00, Jason Wolk '00, and Romel Tovar '01 attended. We honeymooned in Stowe, Vt., and are living in Grafton. I will be working with a gastroenterology group out of Milford, Mass."
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Many thanks to **David Babington** and **Lindsay Simpson** for their tireless work as class correspondents for the last 15 years! I (**Jennifer**) have some big shoes to fill. If anyone would like to help me as co-correspondent, please let me know! • **Jessica Silverman Bryan** writes, "Bob '01 and I are busy with our trio of kids and summer sports: Benjamin (9), Heidi (7), and Caroline (5). I'm proud to report that Project Night Night (the nonprofit that I help run) is celebrating its 10th anniversary this year. Since 2005, we have serviced over 250,000 homeless children with Night Night Packages: books, blanket, and stuffed animal nestled inside a tote bag." • **Philip Dean Walker** recently published his short story, "A Goddess Lying Breathless in Carnage," in Vol. 2.2 of *Driftwood Press*, and he is guest editing the next issue. His story "The Boy Who Lived Next to the Boy Next Door" will appear in *Jonathan* in May, and his story "Why Burden a Baby With a Body?" is forthcoming in *Carbon Culture Review*. Congratulations, Phil! • **Elise Young** is living just outside D.C. with husband Mark and daughter Ellie (3). Elise just became the senior adviser for gender mainstreaming and thought leadership at FHI 360, an international development organization. She works with the organization and their partners both in D.C. and in the field to integrate gender equality and female empowerment measures into all programs. • **Kirk German** is pleased to (finally!) share his post-Middlebury life story in class notes for the first time! After leaving Vermont in 2002, following a stint as co-CRA of Cook Commons, Kirk returned to his hometown of Austin, Texas, where he worked for 12 years as a teacher of high school theater and English and cofounded a theater company, DA! Theatre Collective. Between 2002–2014, he also worked as a director, actor, and playwright; over a dozen of his original scripts were produced by various theater compa-

nies during that time, including two in NYC and one at Middlebury's Wright Theatre. In recent years, he also sang lead vocals for the Greatest American Heroes (a TV-theme-song band in Austin), traveled to Moscow to present at the Podium International Theatre Festival, and married his best friend and theater collaborator, Heather Huggins. Among the attendees at Kirk and Heather's wedding were **David Barreda** (groomsman), **Anna Benvenuto**, **Julie Culver Hibshoosh**, **Molly Fitzgibbon** (bridesmaid), and **Sarah Sander**. In September, Kirk and Heather (and their two cats) relocated to Brooklyn, N.Y.; he is currently pursuing an interdisciplinary master's degree from NYU at the Gallatin School of Independent Study, researching the intersection of performance studies, museum studies, and cultural identity. He also works at the Whitney Museum of American Art in their brand-new building in West Chelsea and planned to study theater in Ireland this July. • Looking forward to post-reunion updates!

—Class Correspondent: Jennifer Crystal (jencrystal5678@gmail.com).

01 **REUNION CLASS** We heard from **Chris Herbert**: "I just started a new gig at the Weather Channel focused primarily on growing our digital video and international businesses. If anyone uses our products and has feedback, I'd love to hear from you (send screenshots to chris.herbert@weather.com), especially all of y'all scattered around the globe. Still loving Atlanta, where **Greta (Simmons)** and I are busy with our little guys, Jack (7), Charlie (5), and Sam (2). I've taken up ice hockey in a rec league and I'm loving it." • **Tom Koelbl** writes, "My dog, Vince, was attacked by another dog, and I had to rush him to the animal hospital (in the middle of a D.C. snowstorm no less). The doctor on duty that night turned out to be **Miranda Hillyard**. It was such a relief to know Vince was in good hands. Miranda did a wonderful job patching him up, and he's now back to his old self. Thanks again, Miranda!" • Congratulations to **Eleanor Henderson**, who was awarded tenure at Ithaca College, where she teaches in the Dept. of Writing. • Check out a photo of classmates on page 64!

—Class Correspondents: Leslie Fox Arnould (lesliearnould@gmail.com); Michael Hartt (hartt@alumni.middlebury.edu).

02 What's better than having a fourth child? How about twins? The **Franklin** Five is now the Franklin Seven with the January 3 introduction of Jeb and Mae. Eliza, Lee, and Pippa are super excited to welcome their twin siblings. **Chip** and **Hannah (Ritchie)** are actively looking for babysitters and a larger car. • Check out a photo of classmates on page 77.

—Class Correspondents: Anne Alfano (anne.alfano@gmail.com); Stephen Messinger (s.messing@gmail.com).

03 **Joshua West**, VP at Walker & Dunlop, was recently named one of the Top 25 under 35 Commercial Mortgage Brokers and Lenders on the Rise. He manages all new loan originations in Walker & Dunlop's NYC office. • **Sean Meyer** and Ariel Goldblatt celebrated their one-year anniversary recently. They were married on July 5, 2014, at the Morris Arboretum outside of Philadelphia. Sean and Ariel met while completing their MBAs at the Univ. of Pennsylvania's Wharton School. Currently living in New York City, they are happy to announce that Jonah Lieblein Meyer was born on June 8.

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04 Please send us your news!

—Class Correspondents: Athenia (Tina) Fischer-Rodney (princess1328@yahoo.com); Drew Pugsley (drew.pugsley@gmail.com).

05 Congratulations to **Andrea Hamre**, who received a Citizen Scholar award for her efforts to combine scholarship with community engagement. She is a doctoral student in planning, governance, and globalization in the School of Public and International Affairs at Virginia Tech.

—Class Correspondents: Martha Dutton (martha.dutton@gmail.com); Dena Simmons (dena.simmons@gmail.com).

06 **REUNION CLASS** **Tim Bahls** sent this update: "Mag (Wijaya) '07 and I are celebrating the birth of our fourth child and will soon celebrate our 8th anniversary. We are enjoying chaotic but blissful domestic life in Madison, Wis., with children Kirana (7), Asha (5), Jivan (2.5), and newborn Vinaya. I'm writing electronic medical records for Epic, and Mag is directing our expanding homeschool." • **Ian Mevorach** married Amy Karr '00 right after graduation in 2006 and moved to the Boston area. Ian studied for the last nine years at Boston Univ. School of Theology, graduating with an MDiv in 2009 and a PhD focused on ecological theology and interfaith dialogue in 2015. Meanwhile, Ian and Amy have been busy raising their four daughters, ages 8, 6, 3, and 1.5. They live in Natick, Mass., where Ian leads the Common Street Spiritual Center, which he founded in 2012. They often see fellow Natick Midd-folk Tamara Bogojevic-Catanzano '07 and Chris Catanzano '05 and Deana Becker '99. • **Jennifer Watson Wester** writes, "I've had a big year! In February I finished my PhD in the history of art at Johns Hopkins Univ., where I specialized in modern art and spent many happy summers researching in France. In May I married Brock Wester, a Georgia Tech grad now working as a biomedical engineer at Hopkins. We bought a house just outside Baltimore, and we've already had a revolving door of Midd visitors. We look forward to many more!"

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07 In April, **Christian Solberg** was asked to go on CNBC to discuss winning SumZero's contest, "What Will Warren Buffett Buy Next?" His answer: Progressive. He thinks clearly his time as a history major contributed greatly. Also, since he was a young boy he has also been following Buffett. He heads to MIT Sloan to get an MBA in the fall. • **Isabel Yordan** is now living in D.C., working as a major gifts officer for the Madeira School. She is happy when **Nura Suleiman** returns to the area to take leisurely bike rides together. • **Sara Granstrom** was profiled in *Seven Days* as one of seven women under the age of 40 in Vermont to watch. Working with her father at the Lincoln Peak Vineyard, she has helped grow the business from "a shoebox of obscure hybrid cuttings to 12 robust, rolling acres." In 2013 she was elected president of the Vermont Grape and Wine Council. She also established the Middlebury Tasting Trail, which takes people from the local breweries and wineries to Woodchuck Hard Cider and Appalachian Gap Distillery. • John Haile, MA English '89, sent an article called "The Solution Seeker" about son **Andrew Haile**, who was profiled in the *Boston College Law School Magazine.* In the article, Andrew talks about his work as a Peace Corps volunteer in Guinea and as an immigration counselor at a refugee resettlement agency in Greensboro, N.C. At BC, he received the BCLaw St. Thomas More Award. Having earned his JD, his next stop is a clerkship with Judge Paul Barbadoro, U.S. judge for the District of New Hampshire.

—Class Correspondents: Rebecca Browngoehl Feinberg (feinberg.rebecca@gmail.com); Nura Suleiman (nura.suleiman@gmail.com); Isabel Yordan (icyordan@gmail.com).

08 Greetings '08ers! Thanks for sharing your news. • **Sarah Bray** spent last fall working with two sister wineries during the harvest season: Passopisciaro on Mt. Etna in Sicily and Tenuta di Trinoro in Tuscany's Val d'Orcia. She's continuing her work with the brands back in the U.S., developing their digital footprint and organizing tastings and events around the country, while continuing to write about wine for various publications. • In September, **Joe Swensson** started graduate school at the Univ. of Denver for real estate and construction management. He is the assistant manager of the school's ski team. Joe often gets together with **Clayton Reed** to ski. • **Erin Lackey** was profiled in *Bella NYC* in the New Yorker Nine. Erin is the creative director at one of NYC's premier boutique ad agencies, Jugular. • **Jed McDonald** is pursuing his MBA at Dartmouth, and he recently attended Warren Buffett's MBA Q&A day in Omaha, Neb. • **Antoine Gara** joined Forbes

BEN RUDIN '09

1 We won the basketball program's first NESCAC championship my senior year, and I was flattered and honored to be named the conference player of the year. I'm obviously proud of these achievements, but when I think of Middlebury, I think of more than awards and titles. I think of community, what it meant to be a student-athlete, and how I learned to think critically and be a leader.

2 After graduation, I played professionally in Israel for a year. It was an adjustment, to say the least—living abroad, having basketball be your job, the European style of play. It was fun, but I was ready for other challenges so I enrolled in the MBA program at Tel-Aviv University.

3 The biggest adjustment of my life, though, was when I joined the Israeli Defense Forces (IDF) for my mandatory six-month service.

4 Talk about discipline—there's nothing like the discipline one attains when you are undergoing basic training with one of the most elite fighting units in the world.

5 Following the IDF, I joined the technology start-up company Intelescope Solutions—an image analysis firm—and now head business development efforts for North America.

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Media as a staff writer, covering banks, asset managers, and corporate mergers. • Surrounded by Middlebury friends, **Ridge Chew** married Meghan McGuinn '09 at the Riverside Farm in Vermont. • On a bluebird day in January, **Laura Lee** married **Andy Mittelman** at the Diamond Star Ranch in Eagle, Colo. In true Middlebury fashion, the ceremony was held outside in a snowy corral to ensure that the guests could show off their finest technical outerwear. Follow the adventure, #bootsnbubbles. The newlyweds live in Boston, where Andy is in medical school at Boston Univ. and Laura practices business litigation at Burns & Levinson. • Finally, congratulations to the proud crew of '08ers who have completed the Parish Cafe mug club challenge: **Robby** and **Marnie Rowe Potish**, **Mallory Hicks Walker**, and **Andy** and **Laura Lee Mittelman**. They are happy to follow in **Melissa Cassis**'s footsteps! Cheers! • Please keep us in the loop with your updates.
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Greetings classmates! We hope you are enjoying your summer. **Spencer Paddock** is living in Missoula, Mont., and working as a marine geoscientist for a locally owned geological, geophysical, and hydrographic survey consultancy called Geo-Marine Technology. His recent work includes pre-engineering geological surveys offshore Greenland and assisting in the search for the lost MH370 aircraft. He especially enjoys the few times his work has brought him into collaboration with **Sam Tormey**. When he's not on work assignments around the world, he spends time engaged in the local rugby community, and hunting, rafting, and skiing around western Montana. • **Ted Kwasnik** is at Stanford Univ. studying atmospheric science and energy analysis through the civil engineering dept. So it's in line with what he has done before, but a lot more technical (way less writing and way more math problem sets than Midd!). • **Whitney Hendrickson-Cahill** and **Ed Cahill** have been happily married now for nine months and are living in San Diego while she completes her ob/gyn residency. Ed surfs regularly and is working as a solar consultant. **Catherine Michalek,** Sean Meany '08, Melissa Whitehead '08, **Teddy Kwasnik**, and **Sam Tormey** have all gone to visit them in the always sunny city! • **Toral Patel** got a fancy graduate degree in urban planning and is happily putting her skills to use working in international development. She (mostly) lives in San Francisco, which is hard not to love. • **Cam MacKugler**, still living in Middlebury, had a successful Kickstarter campaign last December for his new company, Cloudfarm. Their product, the Seedsheet, is a plug-and-plant sheet that is designed online and shipped to the customer with seeds embedded in a weed-proof fabric per their digital design. It is simply placed atop soil and watered! While he's manufacturing the Seedsheets in his Middlebury manufacturing facility, his goal is to simplify the process of gardening so that urbanites can enjoy the same quality of produce as Vermonters. You can check them out at getcloudfarm.com. Also, as another fun fact, he lives with Heather Neuwirth '08, **Alex Consalvo**, Rachel Siviski '10, and Andy Rossmeissl '05 and shares the Middlebury VCET (Vermont Center for Emerging Technologies) office with Alex, Andy, **David Dolginow**, and Colin Davis '03. Pretty tight-knit! • **Adele Plunkett** is finishing her PhD in astronomy at Yale Univ., and is in the midst of the exciting process of deciding where to go next! • **Ben Rudin** is now living in New York City. After college, he was recruited to play professional basketball in Israel and during his time in Israel, he both fell in love with the country and the start-up technology business sector that exists there. He then received his MBA in entrepreneurship at Tel Aviv Univ. Following graduation, he enlisted in the Israeli Defense Force after which he joined an Israeli technology start-up called Intelescope Solutions as the head of business development for North America and has recently moved back to open the company's U.S. office, located in Stamford, Conn. • **Grace Rumford** is getting her MBA at Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern Univ. She's interning this summer with 3M's corporate strategy group and living in Minneapolis. She'd love to catch up with any Midd alums in Chicagoland and/or the Twin Cities! A special shout-out to the hallmates of Allen coed second floor '05–06. • **Julia Schwartzman** is finishing her PhD in microbiology at the Univ. of Wisconsin, Madison. • **Jeffrey Cloutier** moved to the UK after graduation to start a PhD in genetics at University College London on an NIH Marshall Scholarship. His PhD research focused on reproductive biology and infertility. Two years later, he then moved back stateside to finish his PhD research at the NIH in Bethesda, Md. In the fall of 2013, he began medical school at Johns Hopkins Univ. School of Medicine in Baltimore and just recently finished his preclinical courses and will now transition full time to the wards. He splits his copious free time between friends, Crossfit, yoga, cooking, and frequent trips to D.C. • **Annie Onishi** completed her year two of general surgery residency in June, and more importantly, is laying in the final stretch of AstroTurf on her terrace (Nishi Beach), which is open for outdoor happy hour for anyone passing through New York. She had a great week of skiing Stratton with **Maggie Smith** back in February and would like to use this forum to publicly challenge **Kevin O'Rourke** to come uptown more often. • Another Allen hallmate, **Scott Robinson**, is working for Navigant Consulting and is living in Boulder, Colo. Scotty graduated from UT Austin in May 2014, where he received two master's degrees and put out three papers on solar pv modeling. His work now focuses on energy technology forecasting, and he reports having a great time in the Rockies! • **Adrienne Taren** is approaching her last year of MD-PhD at CMU/Pitt and defended her PhD in the spring. • **Michelle Personick** started this July as an assistant professor of chemistry at Wesleyan Univ. • **Sara Jameson** teaches English and creative writing to 6th, 7th, and 8th graders at Harford Day School, an independent school outside of Baltimore. She has also inherited the new role of directing the middle school theater productions, including the spring musical, *Crazy for You*, this May. She reports that it is amazing, exhausting, dynamic, terrifying, and so, so fulfilling. She was recently a bridesmaid at the wedding of **Melissa Marshall** and **Michael Nevadomski**. Congrats, Melissa and Michael!
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The Class of 2010 kicked off reunion early, with gatherings around the globe! After graduating **Emma Smith** taught English in South Korea, where she spent almost every weekend with **Blake Johnson** and had the chance to visit **Alex Kent** in Shanghai. She is now working as the racial justice associate at a women's advocacy organization in Chicago and volunteers a couple times a week as an adoption counselor at a local animal shelter. • **Sarah Buck** is living in Sacramento, Calif., where she works as a rural development specialist at the Rural Community Assistance Corp., supporting programs that increase access to safe drinking water and advocating for rural communities through policy change. When not working or playing rugby on one of the best women's teams in the nation, Sarah has been staying connected to Midd friends. She has enjoyed catching up with **Janet Kang** in both Boston and Sacramento and spent a weekend exploring Monterey and Carmel with **Grace Taylor.** • Please continue sharing your updates! As of this issue I (**Hannah Burnett**) am stepping down as class correspondent. I'm happy to say that **Oscar Loyo** and **Alice Ford** have agreed to take over. You can send them updates at the addresses below!
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REUNION CLASS Hope everyone's having a great summer! Here's what a few of our classmates have been up to: **Meghan Blumstein** joined the Richardson Lab with Miriam Johnston '10 as a PhD candidate in the organismal and evolutionary biology dept. at Harvard to study how forests respond to climate change and how changes in forests, in turn, impact climate. • **Lucas Alvarez** loves his new role at Shutterstock as an account executive servicing Spanish and French accounts. • **Sam Parnell** will be leaving Los Angeles to attend Columbia Law School. • **Raja Kaur** and **Geena Constantin** are teaching in Louisville, Ky. Both have completed their MAs in teaching at the Univ. of Louisville and have been teaching for four years. Raja is working on getting her

principal certification and licensure. Geena is finishing up her second master's in educational leadership with a focus in diversity literacy and was hoping to begin her master's in English at Bread Loaf this summer. • **Mac Staben** writes, "I started medical school at BU in the fall of 2014 and I'm really enjoying it!" • **Lisa Tabacco** graduated from the Mailman School of Public Health at Columbia Univ. in May with her MPH. She also recently met up with **Liz Gay**, **Cathy Ahearn**, **Gen Guyol**, **Alyssa Ha**, **Annie Friedlander**, **Whitney Hanson**, **Megan Margel**, and **Alice Wisener** in Chicago for a Midd mini-reunion. • Thanks to everyone who submitted notes this quarter! Email us any time at midd2011@gmail.com. We love hearing from you!

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Hello Class of 2012 and 2012.5! We hope this issue finds you all doing well and enjoying the summer so far. Read on to hear some updates from our classmates, and please drop us a line if you have anything new to report! • **Hilary Cunningham** says, "I am working on my MS at Tufts Univ. in nutritional science and policy. While attending school, three Midd Kids and I (Nicholas Jasset '14, **Astrid Schanz-Garbassi**, and Ryan Brewster '14) are launching a healthy on-the-go snack company that creates food items for specific situations, called 'Phi,' tag line 'food you need, when you need it.' Our first product is called Office Bar, specifically designed for long days in the office. We launched a crowd-funding campaign for Phi on February 15 and raised more than our $15,000 goal. You can learn all about our company at www.indiegogo.com/projects/phi-bar-food-for-thought." • **Kylie Atwood** sends this update: "I started a new job in May as a CBS News 2016 embed, reporting on the trail of the presidential election. I serve as the editorial eyes, ears, and camera for CBS as I travel the country with whichever candidate they assign me to." • Many of us are starting, in the middle of, or completing grad school studies. **Michael Campbell** is entering the second year of a JD/MBA program at the Wharton School and Penn Law. • **Christina Azodi** started her PhD in plant biology at Michigan State Univ., where she is an Environmental Science and Policy Fellow. She is studying how crops respond to environmental stresses at the environmental level. • **Hillary Aidun** says, "I finished up my first year at Yale Law School and traveled to Argentina on an exchange program. I'm spending the summer at the Sierra Club in D.C." • **Eamon Wall** writes, "I've been at Warby Parker for almost two years and am currently working as a brand-marketing coordinator. It's exciting to be part of such a fun and innovative company!" • **Jessica Appelson** moved to Baltimore last summer for graduate school and finished up her Master of Public Health in May. She has moved to Boston and is excited to catch up with everyone in the Boston area! • In the local Vermont music scene, **Taylor Smith** and **Laura Heaberlin** are Cricket Blue, a singing, acoustic-guitar-playing duo. They were featured on Vermont Public Radio in October and have been busy playing in various venues in and around Burlington. They were chosen by *Paste Magazine* as one of the "10 Vermont Bands You Should Listen to Now" and their debut EP came out in October. • **Amy Doucette** moved to Natick, Mass., after spending the last 25 years in Vermont. She's now working at Tufts Health Plan in Watertown and would love to meet up with other Midd Kids in the area! • Internationally, **Kelsey Allan** is an assistant manager at Lululemon Athletica in Montreal and loves it! • **Hannah Epstein** reports, "I finished my third season with NFL Films working in the camera department and as a sports cinematographer. I work as a seasonal employee so for my six months off, I'm living in Israel with Hannah Deoul '14 and working for the Israel Lacrosse organization. Hannah is coaching the first-ever Israeli women's U19 lacrosse team, and I'll be shooting a documentary about their experience as a team. Hannah and I are also playing on the Israeli National Team in the 2015 Euro Cup." • Finally, **Emily Núñez Cavness** and sister Betsy were named to Forbes Magazine's 2015 30 Under 30 for their successes with their company, Sword and Plough, which recycles military surplus products into stylish bags and accessories, has created 38 veteran jobs, and donates 10 percent of its profits to help veterans. • That's all for now. Cheers to everyone, and please keep in touch!

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Jonathan Brach writes, "After a year of working as an EMT in the Boston area, I'm moving to Erie, Pa., to start my medical studies at Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine." • **Jebb Norton** is riding La Gringa, the motorcycle he started building on his Febmester, through South and Central America to eventually end up back in his hometown of Santa Fe, N.M. We wish Jebb a safe, yet adventurous, journey! • **Ellen Halle** moved to Nairobi, Kenya, from NYC this spring to start work at I-DEV International, a small consulting firm that focuses on getting small- and medium-sized enterprises investor ready and helping them raise money from foreign investors. After her first few months in Nairobi, Ellen shared, "It's been awesome—we work with a lot of social enterprises and impact investors but also enough different types of businesses to keep it interesting." She's been enjoying doing field work and customer interviews to get to know the enterprises they're working with. She's also on a mission to find the best brunch in the city. • Congratulations to **Joseph Putko**, who was awarded the Chambliss Astronomy Achievement Student Award for research he began as an undergraduate. He was given the award after presenting his research, "Expansion of the Optical Remnant from Tycho's Supernova," at a meeting of the American Astronomical Society. He is the director of the Perkins Observatory at Dublin (N.H.) School. • Class of 2013, we'd love to hear what you've been doing! Please stay in touch and send us your news!

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Lander Karath works for FasterSkier.com, North America's only news source on cross-country ski racing. He's the associate editor, writes from home, and travels around to different races in the U.S. and abroad. In the early winter he reported from ski races on the domestic SuperTour circuit in addition to the 2015 U.S. Cross Country Championships in Houghton, Mich. In February he traveled to the 2015 FIS Nordic World Ski Championships in Falun, Sweden, to report on the two weeks of racing there. He was in Kontiolahti, Finland, to report on the Biathlon (skiing and shooting) World Championships. From there he headed to Lake Placid, N.Y., to cover the NCAA Championships. • **Jake Lessing** moved to Boston after graduating from Middlebury a semester early and is working as a paralegal for the Nature Conservancy. At TNC, he's worked on projects to conserve land in several New England states, including Vermont. He and other recent Middlebury grads **Nick Jasset**, **Becky Wasserman**, **Peter Mattson**, **Raj Anand**, **Scott Goldberg**, **Dan Ladd**, **Rachel Fowler**, and **Kwaku Acheampong** recently went to the Boston Symphony Orchestra together. • **Ben Goldberg** writes, "I started working as an apprentice at a small organic farm, Amber Waves Farm (started by a fellow NESCACer!), in Amagansett, N.Y., the week after graduation and I've been here ever since. I'm living in Montauk with my sister and we live with her boyfriend, two dogs, and 10 ducks! I plan to return to the farm for the entire next season, so I'm really in it for the long haul." This past spring he headed down to Chile for a month to travel around, WWOOF a little, and learn some Spanish. • **Brittany Thomas** is working at ZUMIX, a music-based youth development program in East Boston. She is helping to transition a full program of youth-DJed radio shows to a broadcast station and loves working with inspired youth everyday. Look out for ZUMIX on 94.9 FM within the next year.

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Welcome to the alumni class notes! We need two volunteers to serve as class correspondents for the class. It's a fun way to stay in touch with classmates and see what they're up to. If you are interested, please contact the alumni editor, Sara Marshall, at smarshal@middlebury.edu.

34 **Gertrude Hewitt Lathrop**, 101, of Bristol, Vt., on August 20, 2014. After graduating, she taught French, Latin, and English in Schaghticoke, N.Y., for eight years. While raising her children she was an active volunteer. She then taught 13 years at the Mountain Street School in Bristol. In retirement she worked 17 seasons at the Shelburne Museum. In 2014 she returned to the College for the Convocation ceremony of her 80th reunion. Predeceased by husband Earl, she is survived by sons David, Donald, Douglas, and Duane, daughters Dianne and Dawn, 14 grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.

38 **Raymond F. Brainard Jr.**, 96, of Peoria, Ariz., on September 24, 2014. After graduating Phi Beta Kappa with a degree in economics, he began his business career with Corn Products Refining Co., retiring in 1974 as VP of purchasing in the foods division. During WWII he served in the Army in Alaska, including in the Aleutian Islands, France, and Germany. He and wife Mary (Allen), who predeceased him, had two children, Don '66 and Sherry.

Richard C. Rose, 98, of Mendon, Vt., on August 7, 2014. A Sigma Epsilon at Middlebury, he served as a captain in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers during WWII and the Korean Conflict. With a master's in forestry from Yale, he formed Sable Mountain Corp. and was a licensed surveyor and forest manager. He also taught at Harvard School of Forestry and Rutland Teacher's College. Predeceased by wife Marjorie (Mitchell) and granddaughter Julie, he is survived by son Richard, daughter Tina, four grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

39 **Helen Brewer Chadwick**, 96, of Plymouth, Mass., on September 1, 2014. A Pi Beta Phi at Middlebury, she was a member of the Pilgrim Society, the Antiquarian Society, Plymouth Yacht Club, and the Garden Club, where she was a past president. She served 24 years on the board of the Visiting Nurses Assoc. Predeceased by husband Noel, she is survived by sons John and Robert, two granddaughters, and four great-grandchildren.

Edward F. Grosenbeck, 99, of Pittsford, Vt., on July 22, 2014. At Middlebury he was in Sigma Epsilon and played drums in a dance band. While teaching high school in Holland Patent, N.Y., he earned a master's in public school administration at Syracuse Univ. He then became a school district principal in Fort Ann, N.Y., where he worked 23 years until retiring. In retirement he served as an interim superintendent at Whitehall Central School. Predeceased by wife Frances (Kinsey), he is survived by daughters Greta and Elizabeth, and two grandchildren.

41 **Mildred Becker Elefante**, 94, of Rehoboth Beach, Del., on October 12, 2014. During WWII she served two years in the Navy and one year attached to the WAVE barracks in Washington, D.C. She worked as secretary to the president of the Psychological Corp. in NYC, and at NYU as secretary to the dean of the School of Law. After raising her children she taught developmentally disabled children in the New Providence public schools for 20 years. Predeceased by first husband Ben Bennett and second husband Michael Elefante, she is survived by daughter Susan, son Edward, and grandchildren. Middlebury relatives include sister Carol Hutchinson '46 (deceased) and niece Deborah Hutchinson Gove '74.

Doris N. Wickware, 92, of Escondido, Calif., on November 1, 2012. During WWII and the Korean War she served in the USO. She worked as a clerk for the Prudential Insurance Co. from 1941–1968 and as the main desk supervisor of the circulation dept. at the Drew Univ. library from 1968–1978. Deceased Middlebury relatives include sister Ruth Wickware Smith '37.

42 **Roger S. Arnold**, 93, of Devon, Pa., on September 1, 2014. A Delta Upsilon at Middlebury, he served in the Air Force in the North African and Italian theaters during WWII. He began his 40-year insurance career with the Hartford Group, retiring in 1988 from CIGNA as VP of special risks. He was a director of the Union League and president of the Lincoln Table. He is survived by wife Marion, son Robert, and two grandchildren.

43 **Howard R. Friedman**, 91, of Montpelier, Vt., on September 10, 2014. During WWII he served with the 10th Mountain Division and received not only the Purple Heart but also the Bronze Star Medal for heroic achievement. After earning his doctorate in philosophy from the Univ. of Edinburgh, he worked as a professor at the Univ. of Connecticut for 26 years. Predeceased by son Peter, he is survived by wife Daisy (Bostaetter), daughter Diane, son Michael, and one grandchild.

Ihler Grimmelmann, 92, of Greenwich, Conn., on November 10, 2014. At Middlebury he was in Delta Kappa Epsilon. With a degree from Columbia University's Teachers College, he worked as a child psychologist in White Plains, N.Y., as well as with Head Start and in early childhood education. Predeceased by daughter Lisa, he is survived by wife Frances, children Erik and Ellen, three grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

44 **Sarah M. Curtis**, 92, of Rutland, Vt., on September 11, 2014. With a master's from Bread Loaf School of English, she taught English and math for 40 years at Northfield Mt. Hermon School in Massachusetts. She enjoyed singing in various groups and had sung in the choir while a student at Middlebury. She is survived by sister Martha Tucker and family.

Robert P. Darrow, 91, of Mendon, Vt., on August 10, 2014. A Theta Chi, he served as a lieutenant in the medical corps during WWII and the Korean Conflict. With an MD from Yale Medical School, he opened his private practice in Rutland, Vt., in 1956. He was involved in many professional organizations and was chief of surgery at Rutland Hospital. He established a family tree farm in Shrewsbury and served as president of the Vermont Woodlands Assoc. Predeceased by wife Susan (Ackerman), he is survived by children Alison, Pamela '75, Bruce, and Jeffrey, and companion Gillian Gaines. Deceased Middlebury relatives include father William, Class of 1911, uncles George, Class of 1910, Pierce, Class of 1911, and Herbert '20, and aunts Isabelle Darrow Stewart, Class of 1911, and Edith Darrow Allen, Class of 1913.

45 **M. Jean Dunn Nagle**, 91, of Hingham, Mass., on September 27, 2014. A Kappa Kappa Gamma at Middlebury, she raised her two sons before pursuing a master's in library science. She worked several years as an elementary school librarian in Schenectady, N.Y. Moving to South Dennis, Mass., in retirement, she served as the volunteer children's librarian at the local library. Predeceased by husband John, she is survived by sons James and John, six grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

David S. Palmstrom, 90, of Ravenna, Ohio, on October 11, 2014. A Delta Upsilon at Middlebury, he served in the Army during WWII and, after earning his MD from the Medical College of Virginia in 1949, in the Army Medical Corps in Germany. He opened his family medical practice in Ravenna in 1953, serving patients until he retired from active practice in 1987. Affiliated with Robinson Memorial Hospital, he was president of the medical staff in 1975–76 and director of the medical staff and VP of medical affairs from 1987–92. He and wife Jane were cofounders of Habitat for Humanity in Portage County. Predeceased by son John, he is survived by wife Jane (Robertson) '45, daughters Linda, Margaret, Mary, and Nancy, and many grandchildren.

Lael Kinnison Putnam, 90, of Vero Beach, Fla., on September 29, 2014. A choir member while at Middlebury, she sang in her church choir and with the Songweavers quartet. During WWII she was a volunteer with the USO and was a PEO sister and Twig member. An artist, she won awards for her watercolor paintings. Predeceased by husbands Edward Jones, George Brunette, and Arthur Putnam, she is survived

The following is a list of deaths reported to us since the previous issue went to the printers. Full obituaries will appear in future issues of the magazine.

Barbara Lyons Steele '36 . . . . . May 6, 2015
Robert J.M. Matteson '38 . . . . . April 8, 2015
Marian Hewes McKenney '38 . . . . . April 7, 2015
Edith Egbert Bennett '39 . . . . . April 8, 2015
Elizabeth Miller Palen '40 . . . . . March 22, 2015
Aiden D. French '42 . . . . . May 10, 2015
Lois Faulkner Dawson '45 . . . . . March 23, 2015
Theodore R. Parkins '45 . . . . . April 12, 2015
Alice Southworth Twible '45 . . . . . March 15, 2015
Diana I. Terry '46 . . . . . April 14, 2015
Cynthia Strout Fischer '48 . . . . . March 14, 2015
Edith Williams Johnson '48 . . . . . March 31, 2015
Dorothy Daggett Siebert '48 . . . . . April 23, 2015
Richard E. Barnett '49 . . . . . April 23, 2015
Genevieve Karmazyn Capozzoli '49 . . . . . April 2015
Richard C. Hoffmann '49 . . . . . March 22, 2015
JoAnne Elliott Pillsbury '49 . . . . . May 4, 2015
Sue Hill Rogers '49 . . . . . May 4, 2015
Frederick F. Kania '50 . . . . . April 15, 2015
James B. Luke '50 . . . . . May 2, 2015
Barbara J. Parker '50 . . . . . March 22, 2015
Barry Q. Walker '50 . . . . . March 8, 2015
Renton Bond '51 . . . . . March 14, 2015
Hubert W. Williams '51 . . . . . March 27, 2015
Bruce R. MacKay '53 . . . . . April 24, 2015
Marianne Dennis Philbrick '53 . . . . . March 3, 2015
Arne E. Heggen '54 . . . . . March 19, 2015
Jim D. Savvas '54 . . . . . March 24, 2015
Nancy Petersen Babcock '55 . . . . . March 29, 2015
James G. Bowden III '55 . . . . . April 19, 2015
Walter A. Griffin Jr. '55 . . . . . October 8, 2014
Harold P. Higgins '55 . . . . . March 11, 2015
Barbara Johnson Masters '55 . . . . . April 10, 2015
Donald B. Batchelder '56 . . . . . April 27, 2015
Norman W. Ingham '57 . . . . . April 27, 2015
Robert L. Corliss '58 . . . . . May 1, 2015
I. Charles Feldman '61 . . . . . April 18, 2015
Susan Ten Broeck Kendall '62 . . . . . April 24, 2015
Bruce E. MacFadden '70 . . . . . May 6, 2015
Jeffrey H. Taylor '70 . . . . . April 7, 2015
Jeffrey R. Jonathan '79 . . . . . March 16, 2015

GRADUATE SCHOOLS

Alan C. Sartorelli, MA Chemistry '55 . . . . April 30, 2015
Lynda M. Healey, MLitt English '07 . . . . . March 9, 2015
Josina G. Bakker, MA French '58 . . . . . April 9, 2015
James L. Olson, MA French '64 . . . . . March 10, 2015
Mary-Kathleen Gernant Blanchard, MA French '71 . . . . . March 19, 2015
Vivienne Robinson Silver, MA French '71 . . April 24, 2015
Dorothy Sandbeck Sonander, MA Spanish '57 . . . . . April 10, 2015
Linda J. Sheedy, MA Spanish '70 . . . . . April 18, 2015

47 **James K. Hummer**, 88, of Williamsport, Pa., on July 18, 2014. During WWII he served in the Navy, then earned his bachelor's from Tufts. With a PhD from the Univ. of North Carolina, he was a professor of chemistry at Wooster College in Ohio and Lycoming College in Williamsport, from which he retired. He is survived by two brothers and a sister.

48 **Edwin C. Hubbard**, 92, of Concord, Mass., on August 19, 2014. A Chi Psi at Middlebury, he earned his MD from Tufts Univ. School of Medicine. For over 30 years he worked as a pediatrician in Walpole, Mass. Predeceased by wife Marilyn (Marvin) '50, he is survived by daughters Kimberly and Pamela '80 and their families.

49 **Wendel H. Agne**, 90, of San Diego, Calif., on November 2, 2014. He spent 20 years teaching Russian literature and English at a high school and later a college in New Jersey. Moving to California, he taught at UCLA. He had a book of poetry published and three plays produced.

Casimiro Barquin, 94, of Tampa, Fla., on September 16, 2014. During WWII he served as a blimp pilot in the Navy. At Middlebury he was in Sigma Epsilon and played baseball and football, being named athlete of the year in 1947 and 1948. He worked in covert operations for the CIA for 22 years in places such as Belgian Congo, Thailand, Cuba's Bay of Pigs and Ecuador. In 1956 he received the Intelligence Star for Valor and in 1972 the Intelligence Medal of Merit. He also taught chemistry at Bishop Ireton High School in Alexandria, Va. He is survived by wife Evangeline, son Chris, daughter Cyd, three grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

John S. D'Aquila, 91, of Belle Terre, N.Y., on August 14, 2014. A Kappa Delta Rho at Middlebury, he served as a medic in the 11th Armored Division during WWII. He fought in the Battle of the Bulge, earned a Purple Heart, and was in the unit that liberated Mauthausen. With a degree from Catholic Univ. of America School of Law, he worked for U.S.F. & G. for many years. In retirement he became a gifted public speaker, educating young people about his war experiences. He is survived by partner Myron Ledbetter.

Mildred Clarke Sharp, 87, of Woodbury, Conn., on September 13, 2014. A Delta Delta Delta at Middlebury, she graduated Phi Beta Kappa and was elected to Mortar Board. Having studied two years at Westminster Choir College in Princeton, N.J., she devoted her time to a musical career that spanned 60 years. She served as an organist for several churches, was a piano teacher, and accompanied the Master Singers of Greater Stamford and local musical theater productions. Predeceased by husband Richard and daughters Martha and Betsy, she is survived by son Robert, daughter Kathryn, five grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

50 **Barbara Wood Brown**, 86, of Covington, La., on August 30, 2014. A Sigma Kappa at Middlebury, she spent her career as a Latin and French teacher at Bacon Academy in Colchester, Conn., and earned advanced degrees from Wesleyan Univ. In retirement she began a second career as an antiques dealer. She was a long-standing member of the Connecticut Society of Genealogists. Predeceased by husband Lloyd, she is survived by daughters Susan Brown and Grace Smith '80, and two grandchildren.

Patricia Cloutier Eddy, 85, of Savannah, Ga., on October 4, 2014. During WWII she volunteered for the Voice of America. A Kappa Delta at Middlebury, she did graduate work at the State Univ. at Buffalo and taught school in Massachusetts, New York, and Georgia. In retirement she served as chair of volunteers for the Red Cross in Savannah. She is survived by husband Ralph '50, daughters Prudence and Claire, son Ralph, and two grandchildren.

Elizabeth Ahner Fields, 86, of Hartland, Vt., on August 18, 2014. For decades she owned and ran the Gallery of Folk Art in Marblehead, Mass. With her family, she restored several old houses. Predeceased by husband Allyn, she is survived by children Jennifur Condon '80, Thatcher Fields '82, and Joslin Fields '85, and five grandchildren, including Emily Fields '16.

Peter L. Knight, 88, of Palm Beach Gardens, Fla., on October 12, 2014. During WWII he served in the Navy and was recalled in 1951 during the Korean Conflict. He affiliated with the Selected Naval Reserve in 1954 and served in various billets, schools, and ships, retiring in 1981 as a captain. He worked 32 years for Alcoa, retiring in 1985. In retirement he earned his real estate broker's license and was an independent contractor with Coldwell Banker in West Palm Beach. He and wife Mary Belle (Murphree) had three children, Theresa, Debbie, and David.

Nancy Warman Pihlcrantz, 85, of Traverse City, Mich., on July 9, 2014. She worked as an administrative secretary in admissions at the Hotchkiss School, in sales and advertising for Dick Smith and Co. Gallery of Homes, and as a receptionist at Vacation Properties Network. She was an active promoter of the arts. She is survived by son David '74, daughters Marcy and Laura, five grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

51 **Michael J. Capolupo**, 87, of Peabody, Mass., on October 1, 2014. During WWII he served in the Coast Guard aboard the USS *Wakefield*, earning several medals, including a Purple Heart. An Alpha Tau Omega at Middlebury, he worked as a distribution/warehouse manager for Stelco in Toronto, as well as Noymer Manufacturing and Lindenmeyr Paper in Boston. Predeceased by wife Virginia (Murray), he is survived by daughters Michelle and Gabrielle, son Mark, and three grandchildren.

John R. Walsh, 87, of Bethesda, Md., on September 27, 2014. After serving in the Army at the end of WWII, he entered Middlebury, where he was a member of Delta Upsilon. He began his career in journalism at the *Louisville Times*, where he spent five years before moving to Washington, D.C., and joining *Science* magazine. He spent 25 years there working as a reporter, European correspondent, news editor, and senior writer, primarily covering the politics and economics of American science. Retiring in 1989, he continued to freelance as a writer and editor. He is survived by wife Efthalia (Makris), sons Andrew and Peter '82, daughter Jane, and two grandchildren.

52 **Grace E. Knapp**, 83, of Syracuse, N.Y., on July 18, 2014. With a master's in education, she taught fourth grade in Cicero, N.Y. Her career was cut short by a lengthy illness. She is survived by sisters Phyllis Thomas '53 and Carol Colerick. Deceased Middlebury relatives include uncle Wendell Towne '38.

Nancy W. Shahan, 85, of Reading, Mass., on August 21, 2014. After raising two sons and a daughter, she went to work in health-care administration with Holistic Family Practice in Newbury, Mass. Middlebury relatives include brothers Robert '49 and John '50 (both deceased), their spouses Mary (Seacord) '49 (deceased) and Janet (Correll) '49, nephew Kevin Shahan '76, and niece Leslie Shahan Taylor '78.

53 **Frederick T. Brooks**, 83, of East Orleans, Mass., on October 28, 2014. At Middlebury he was in Alpha Sigma Psi and played basketball. After serving in the Army during the Korean War, he began his career in insurance, working at New York Life Insurance Co. as a corporate pension plan administrator, retiring in 1992. He is survived by wife Elaine (Kurz), daughter Marie, son Tom, and two grandsons.

Nancy Woodworth Jarvis, 83, of Rancho Santa Fe, Calif., on September 9, 2014. At Middlebury she was a member of the ski team. She was a published author and accomplished artist, mainly painting in watercolor. She is survived by husband George, children Jennifer, Eliot Bertha, George, and John, and nine grandchildren.

E. Norman Peterson Jr., 82, of Landrum, S.C., on August 28, 2014. An Alpha Tau Omega at Middlebury, he served four years as a naval aviator. With coursework at the Institute of Investment Banking at the Wharton School, UPenn, he worked for 10 years in the investment banking industry. He then joined R.S. Means and Co. in 1972, where he was made senior VP in 1981 and later, president. Predeceased by grandson Michael, he is survived by wife Janet (Perdun), sons Michael and Christian, daughters Karen and Brenda, and eight grandchildren.

54 **Robert A. Prentice**, 81, of Rancho Bernardo, Calif., on June 4, 2014. An Alpha Sigma Psi at Middlebury, he graduated from Officer's Candidate School and served three years in the Navy, attaining the rank of lieutenant. He worked for GE Credit, was CFO for Security Pacific, founded Vector Financial, and was CFO and director of business intelligence at AHL, retiring in 2004. Predeceased by granddaughter Molly, he is survived by wife Helen (Broughton), children Karen, Katherine, and Bruce, and three grandchildren. Middlebury relatives include sisters Helen Theimer '47 and Margaret Laughlin '49, and brother Neil '45 (deceased).

55 **Walter A. Griffin Jr.**, 82, of Brevard, N.C., on October 8, 2014. A Kappa Delta Rho at Middlebury, he spent two years in the Army before beginning his lifelong career in insurance. He retired as VP at North Central Life Insurance Co. Predeceased by wife Geraldine (Gilmore), he is survived by sons Terry, Timothy, and Thomas, and six grandchildren.

56 **Allen Ledyard**, 80, of Grosse Pointe, Mich., on October 21, 2014. After serving in the Army, he earned his JD from Wayne State Univ. and worked as a bank trust officer at the National Bank of Detroit for 37 years until his retirement. In his 20s and 30s he rowed on a national medal-winning eight-oared shell for the Detroit Boat Club. He is survived by wife Mary Deming, sons James and John, and two grandsons.

57 **Karen Dooley Bower**, 78, of Glenside, Pa., on July 18, 2014. She worked three years as an executive secretary after graduation. She spent many years as a volunteer at Morris Arboretum. Survivors include husband Harry, son Harry, and one grandson.

Whitney M. Grant, 80, of Johnstown, N.Y., on November 6, 2014. A Phi Kappa Tau at Middlebury, he served in the Army as a specialist 4th class in the Signal Corps in Olean, France. With a degree from Oneonta State Teachers College, he taught in the Fonda-Fultonville School District and the Greater Johnstown School District, retiring in 1995 after 30 years of teaching. He is survived by wife Beverly (Wallace) and daughter Beth and family.

CARROLL RIKERT JR.
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Carroll Rikert Jr., 97, treasurer emeritus, died on June 12, 2015, in Ithaca, N.Y. He attended Mount Hermon School, Harvard Univ., and Harvard Business School and served as an ensign in the U.S. Navy during World War II. After working in New York at the accounting firm Haskins & Sells, he joined the staff at Brown Univ. as controller. In 1952 he became the business manager at Middlebury and held that post until being appointed treasurer in 1964.

In his role as treasurer, he managed financial and administrative operations during a period of great change at Middlebury and in the wider world. During the turbulent period of the early 1970s when stagflation and the 1973 oil crisis were buffeting the domestic economy, he helped guide Middlebury through the tumult and emerge stronger than before. Under his guidance, the College's endowment grew from $15 million to more than $100 million and this record growth, when coupled with strict attention to controlled costs on campus, provided a measure of stability that the institution had lacked for generations. He earned renown at Middlebury as a fierce proponent of fiscal austerity.

He was credited with other initiatives at Middlebury as well. He started the push to extend retirement benefits to the staff, as only faculty had retirement plans at the time, and he was a strong advocate for operational transparency, which inspired campus-wide trust in the administrative officer.

An ardent skier and staunch supporter of the skiing community, he worked races and carnivals, waxed poetic on the tradition of naming trails for Middlebury figures, and was on a first-name basis with recreational and competitive skiers alike. On the eve of his retirement in 1983, Middlebury honored him by placing his name on the trophy given to the winning women's ski team at the annual Winter Carnival and a year later, the College named its Nordic ski area at Bread Loaf after him and his wife, Jane.

Predeceased by Jane in 2006, he is survived by children David Rikert, Rachel Jane Burbank, Hannah Rikert Morvan '70, and Jon Corson-Rikert, as well as several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

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Elizabeth O'Donnell Wallace, 79, of Peabody, Mass., on July 10, 2014. She enjoyed a long career working as a pension consultant at Griffin Pension Services in South Hamilton, Mass. Predeceased by husband Timothy '57, she is survived by daughters Norah Sullivan '80 and Kate Perrotta '86, son Timothy, and five grandchildren, including Liz Perrotta '19. Middlebury relatives include nephew John O'Donnell '81 (deceased), and nieces Joyce O'Donnell Maroney '78 and Mary O'Donnell '82.

58 **Elizabeth Conti Bellavance**, 77, of Richmond, Va., on July 24, 2014. A Kappa Kappa Gamma at Middlebury, she earned an MA in English at Duquesne Univ. She taught English as a Second Language at Michigan State and Framingham State Universities. At Salisbury Univ., where her husband was president, she was very involved in various university initiatives. A tireless volunteer and social activist, she was awarded the governor's Unsung Hero Award in Maryland. Predeceased by husband Thomas, she is survived by son Eugene, daughters Sarah, Genevieve, and Emily, and five grandchildren.

William H. Kelley, 79, of Marblehead, Mass., on October 27, 2014. Earning a Bachelor of Marine Science from Maine Maritime Academy, he was also a U.S. Coast Guard Licensed Third Officer. His long maritime career included serving on Isbrandtsen Line freighters, tramp steamers, and passenger freighters. He was a navigator on the Nuclear Ship *Savannah* and employed by the Navy to test new vessels at sea. In 1997 he was selected to pilot the USS *Constitution* on its first voyage in 137 years. Predeceased by wife Marie (Audet) and son Bradford, he is survived by two grandchildren.

59 **Ronald H. Anderson**, 81, of Greenville, S.C., on August 22, 2014. At Middlebury he was in Sigma Epsilon and played football, basketball, and baseball. After graduation he served in the Army two years and later earned an MBA from Michigan State Univ. During his career in sales and marketing, he rose to the top executive positions at several companies, retiring as co-owner of DeBole's Pasta Co. He is survived by wife JoAnn (Witmer) '59, son David '85, daughter Carol, and five grandchildren.

William P. Ryan, 77, of Avon, Conn., on August 5, 2014. A Sigma Epsilon at Middlebury, he captained the football team and played hockey and golf. After a stint in the Army, he began his career at Mutual of New York before taking a job with Phoenix Mutual Life Insurance Co. in institutional investment sales in 1963. Retiring from Phoenix in 1992, he continued in a consultant capacity for seven years. He was a founder of the Avon Canton Farmington Youth Hockey Assoc. He is survived by wife Patricia (Regan), sons Kevin '92 and Terry, and two grandchildren.

60 **Deborah V. Hodge**, 73, of Panton, Vt., on April 25, 2012. A Delta Delta Delta at Middlebury, she worked in NYC, Kentucky, and Connecticut before returning to Vermont. She owned a publishing business before joining the staff at the College, where she worked in public affairs in several capacities, including as editor of *Middlebury Magazine*. She is survived by daughter Stacy Walter '84 and husband Bill '84, sons Buz and Bayard, and two grandchildren.

David H. Knott, 78, of Sun Valley, Idaho, on September 5, 2014. A Theta Chi and hockey player at Middlebury, he served in the Army after graduation before beginning work with Coldwell Banker in San Francisco. In 1964 he joined Knott Hotels Corp., running their real estate dept. in NYC. In 1972 he left the corporate world to move to Sun Valley, where he bought a motel and helped build a small shopping mall before joining Sun Valley Realty.

Judith Cox Weiler, 75, of Holliston, Mass., on October 21, 2014. A Kappa Kappa Gamma at Middlebury, she taught elementary school in Cambridge, Mass., after graduating. She was an active volunteer while raising her children. She is survived by husband Dick, son Rick, daughters Susie and Amy, and seven grandchildren.

62 **Deborah Heald Gleason**, 74, of Greenfield, Mass., on September 7, 2014. She enjoyed gardening, music, dancing, and good food. Predeceased by son Christopher, she is survived by daughters Wendi and Jennifer, son Peter, 12 grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

64 **Eugene L. Gorlewski**, 71, of New Britain, Conn., on August 29, 2014. He had a lifelong career in the newspaper business, working over 30 years at the *New Britain Herald*. Holding several different positions, including city editor, he retired in 2009. He is survived by wife Marie (Horrigan).

65 **Richard P. Miller Jr.**, 71, of Oneonta, N.Y., on October 25, 2014. In Sigma Epsilon at Middlebury, he served in the Army in Vietnam and was a decorated veteran. For 15 years he worked in sales and marketing with Case-Hoyt, rising to president and CEO. He joined the Univ. of Rochester in 1987 as VP for external affairs and senior counsel to the president. From 1996–2000 he was senior VP and COO. In 2000 he was appointed vice chancellor and COO of the State Univ. of New York, serving until named the ninth president at Hartwick College in 2003. After five years as president, he left Hartwick and was elected mayor of Oneonta. He is survived by wife Andrea (Tomlinson), sons Matthew and Jason, stepchildren Fable, Callum, and Rossco, and five grandchildren. Deceased Middlebury relatives include father Richard '30.

71 **J. Peter Nestler**, 66, of Washington, Conn., on November 9, 2014. He was in Delta Upsilon at Middlebury and played on the tennis team, which he captained. He had a long and successful career in sales and marketing, retiring in 2010 as senior VP with Temco Service Industries in New York. He went on to consult in the dining and facilities contract service business. He is survived by wife Betsey (Hamilton), sons Peter and Jonathan, and three grandchildren. Middlebury relatives include sister Sally O'Neill '77, brother Andrew '80, and niece Rebecca Fanning '12.

73 **Pamela S. Taft-Dick**, 63, of Springfield, Vt., on July 13, 2014. After teaching in Germany from 1974–76, she lived in countries around the world as her husband worked for the UN World Food Program. With an MA from Middlebury's German School, she taught German in most of those countries. She loved music and sang in international choral groups. She is survived by husband Jeffrey, sons Jonathan '04 and Philip, and daughter Joya '06. Middlebury relatives include father Hugh '44, uncles Edwin Klock '23 and Philip Taft '36 (both deceased), and aunt Sue Carr Pauli '47 (deceased).

77 **Allison Brown-Cestero**, 59, of San Antonio, Texas, on September 24, 2014. In her career as a journalist and editor, she worked 19 years at Harcourt, Brace, and Jovanovich before opening her own editorial company, edExcel, with a colleague. An accomplished quilter, she served as president of Quilt for the Cure, helping to create the Tribute Quilts project on which loved ones lost to breast cancer are memorialized. She is survived by longtime partner LaRay Breshers.

81 **Lee Devoe Greiner**, 55, of Bethel, Vt., on October 18, 2014. With a Master of Divinity from the Pacific School of Religion, she was ordained as a Unitarian Universalist minister and became the first full-time minister of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Idaho Falls, Idaho. She served several churches over the years, most often as an interim minister, which became her specialty. She is survived by daughters Jamaica and Eliza, son Ben, and one grandson.

10 **Sophie E. Dorot**, 26, of Washington, D.C., on August 9, 2014. At Middlebury she played softball and rugby and was a member of Hillel and Kappa Delta Rho. Predeceased by mother Wendy Ochsman, she is survived by father Avi, stepmother Ann Cohen, and sisters Libby, Sarah, Rachel, and Tali.

FACULTY

Albert H. Ewell Jr., 89, of West Lafayette, Ind., on June 2, 2015. After earning his bachelor's at Haverford College and his PhD at NYU, he joined the Middlebury faculty in 1952 as an instructor in the psychology dept. In 1955 he was appointed an assistant

professor of psychology and was promoted to associate professor in 1961. In 1967 he was promoted to professor and he chaired the psychology dept. from 1969–73. After retiring in 1993, he moved to Indiana, where he lived until his death.

STAFF

Christa Onion Aleshire, 60, of Middlebury, Vt., on June 2, 2015. She attended Emerson College and Windham College. She served as a community developer at Southern Vermont Council on Aging in Rutland. She joined the College staff in June 2013 as the Bread Loaf bookstore coordinator during the summers. She is survived by husband Michael, son Benjamin, and daughter Bridget.

Kelly W. Boe, 55, of Middlebury, Vt., on April 14, 2015. After earning his BS from Miami Univ. in Ohio, he worked at International Paper Co. from 1981–1997. He worked at Danforth Pewter and KE Durasol before joining the Middlebury staff as a heating plant operator in 2009. He became the manager of the central biomass heating plant in 2013. An active community member, he served on the boards of Habitat for Humanity and the United Way. He is survived by wife Kathy (Smith), and daughters Sara and Andrea.

Joy Bonneville Clark, 82, of Middlebury, Vt., on March 16, 2015. She began her career at Middlebury in 1968 and worked until 1986 as the secretary to the editor of news services. In 1988 she was hired again as a secretary in the Health Professions Office and retired in 1998 as the administrative assistant for the counseling/human relations dept. Predeceased by son Kevin, she is survived by daughters Bonnie, Darlene, and Paula, son Steven, 13 grandchildren, and 17 great-grandchildren.

Annetta Gangemi Mackey Gleason, 96, of Salisbury, Vt., on June 8, 2015. Earning a nursing degree from Springfield, she and husband Stub Mackey moved to Middlebury, where Stub was a coach of line football, basketball, and track. She began work at the College in 1971 at the Health Center, retiring in 1983 as the head nurse. In retirement she sold Doncaster clothing and did color coordination through Color Me Perfect. Predeceased by first husband Stub and second husband Neil Gleason, she is survived by sons Rick, Neil, and Peter '74, 10 grandchildren, including Kyna de Vries-Mackey '93, Perekin Hubner '95, and Errki Mackey, MA English '09, and nine great-grandchildren. She is also survived by stepchildren Colleen, Jeff, Brad, Martha, Jodie, and Lori, eight step-grandchildren, and two step-great-grandchildren.

GRADUATE SCHOOLS

52 **Harold A. Burnham**, 84, MA French, of Glen Cove, N.Y., on May 18, 2014. With an MD from the Univ. of Maryland, he worked in private practice before embarking on a career in the pharmaceuticals industry.

Raymeta D. Chaffee, 97, MA English, of Endicott, N.Y., on August 15, 2014. She taught English in the Union-Endicott School District for 42 years, retiring in 1987.

S. Kenneth Raskin, 101, MA Russian, of North Miami, Fla., on May 14, 2014. He served in the Army Signal Corps in WWII. He ran an electronics company for 20 years and in retirement, taught English to Russian immigrants arriving in South Florida.

58 **Anna P. Barrett**, 80, MA Spanish, of Houston, Texas, on June 1, 2014. She taught Spanish many years at Bellaire (Texas) High School and in retirement taught Spanish part time at Houston Community College.

61 **Norman R. Cote**, 80, MA Spanish, of Atkinson, N.H., on June 16, 2014. He taught at several colleges as well as at Woburn (Mass.) High School, where he was chair of the foreign language dept. He also taught 30 years at North Shore Community College.

62 **Dolores Brod Haworth**, 76, MA French, of Lumberton, N.J., on May 29, 2014. She was a teacher of French and of English as a second language. She also ran a private piano studio.

James D. McCracken, 83, MA French, of Lee, Mass., on September 8, 2014. He joined the faculty of Darrow School in New Lebanon, N.Y., as head of the French dept. and spent his career at the school, serving as housemaster, teacher, hockey coach, and librarian.

63 **Nancy A.N. Orth**, 74, MA French, of Belle Terre, N.Y., on May 25, 2014. With an ABD in comparative literature from the Univ. of Calif. at Berkeley, she taught English at St. Louis Univ. in Brussels, Belgium, and French in public and private high schools on Long Island.

68 **Victor G. Cimino**, 72, MA German, of South Philadelphia, Pa., on June 20, 2014. He was a professor and instructor at Temple Univ. for more than 30 years, focusing mainly on foreign language instruction and special education.

Fr. **Edward E. Laurent**, 83, MA French, of Pittsburgh, Pa., on July 15, 2014. He took his first vows as a Capuchin friar in 1958 and was ordained to priesthood in 1964. He taught French at St. Fidelis Seminary for many years and founded the development office, which he directed from 1972 until 2004.

Helga Neuhaus Leftwich, 92, MA German, of Chapel Hill, N.C., on May 21, 2014. She was a professor of modern languages and literature at Lynchburg College, retiring in 1990 with professor emerita status.

Bruno Pileggi, 81, MA Italian, of Tonawanda, N.Y., on June 22, 2014. Born in Vallelonga, Italy, he was a foreign language teacher in the Buffalo (N.Y.) public school system for many years.

Douglas M. Snapp, 69, MA German, of Columbus, Ohio, on July 8, 2014. He retired from the South-Western City Schools District after teaching German and coaching tennis at Westland High School for 30 years.

69 **Marilyn Ballou Starr**, 75, MA French, of New Canaan, Conn., on July 11, 2014. She taught French at New Canaan Country School for 25 years, serving the last five years as head of the foreign languages dept.

71 **Langdon F. Lombard**, 73, MA English, of Belmont, Mass., on May 26, 2014. He taught high school English and coached several sports. He later became a restaurant manager.

72 **Philippe A. Thurneyssen**, 92, MA French, of Greensboro, Vt., on June 6, 2014. Born in Paris, he served in the French Army during WWII before joining the French Resistance. After the liberation of Paris, he was a tank commander in the Free French Army. Moving to the U.S. in 1949, he taught French for many years in private schools.

73 Fr. **Gregory D. Chamberlin**, 75, MA French, of Evansville, Ind., on June 10, 2014. Professing his vows in 1959, he served at Saint Meinrad College for 25 years as French teacher, dean of students, and vice rector. In 1991 he began a 23-year assignment as pastor of St. Benedict Parish in Evansville.

Fr. **John J. Rock**, 63, MA German, of Timonium, Md., on May 4, 2014. He entered the Society of Jesus in 1978 and was ordained a priest in 1987. He served in many capacities, often as a professor of theology and as a chaplain.

76 **Raymond A. Cocozza**, 76, MA Spanish, of Schuylkill Twp., Pa., on July 25, 2014. For many years he taught languages at the middle school level in the Lower Merion School District.

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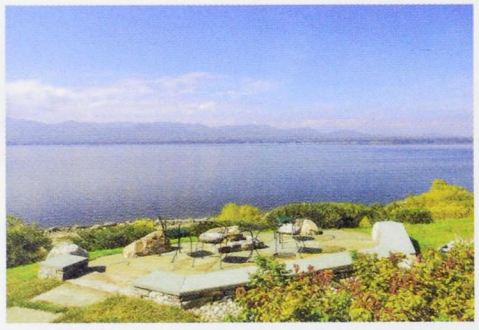

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By Rachel Siviski '10

Serving Me Well

After I graduated from Middlebury, I waited tables. I found pleasure in learning long wine lists, working by candlelight, and timing 12-course tasting menus to the minute. I am persnickety by nature, which is excellent for high-stakes fine-dining restaurants where minutia like matching all the handles of the oyster forks at Table 34 takes on astounding importance. But serving was not what I imagined for myself post college. In the summer and fall of 2010, I interviewed for a few editorial assistant positions and almost got a job in management consulting. Eventually, by winter, I took what I thought was an editorial research position at a business-to-business journal, but it was actually telemarketing. *Surprise!* The job didn't pay enough to cover my rent, student loan payments, and living expenses, so I quit in May and got a job serving. I worked first in Portland, Maine, and then in Washington, D.C., where I served at the most-booked restaurant in the country for three-and-a-half years.

Occasionally my friends and relatives expressed confusion about why someone—me—with a degree in international studies was scraping plates and cleaning out drip trays for a living. But here's the thing—just as Professor Jay West taught me to love 19th-century German literature, angry patrons and drug-addled chefs taught me never to feel above anything. I toughened up and learned to take responsibility. I also learned *salmon roe kohlrabi foam* exists (but maybe shouldn't); anything can be made into a velouté; and grad school is not always the answer—even though, late one night, smelling like truffle oil and sitting on a bus next to a vomiting sous chef, I thought it might be. I applied to MFA programs and got waitlisted.

When I graduated from college, part of me believed the world had a perfect, golden niche waiting to be filled with my skills and abilities. This is embarrassing and obviously not the case. In her opening address to Middlebury, incoming president Laurie Patton said students "increasingly must create their own worlds—their own forms of employment, their own ways of being in the world." That's a great sentiment, and I think it's true.

Eventually I left serving, and after several months of scrambling/freelancing (and nights spent staring at CodeAcademy, wishing I might magically become a Javascript genius), I got an editing job I love. Working in an office is different than working in a restaurant: it makes small talk easier, and it's nice to get a lunch break. But part of me misses the hustle and delicacy of restaurants—and the feeling of being in a club of people who choose to work in the shadows of everyone else's lives. More than anything, I still believe my success as a person shouldn't be measured by the job I have or don't have.

I've been thinking about this a lot recently because of all the talk about the relevancy of a liberal arts education—whether courses on European structuralism sufficiently prepare students to meet the demands of today's job market. But the liberal arts are also about adaptability, persistence, intellectual generosity, restlessness, tradition, and grit.

Middlebury allowed me, even in moments of selfish, myopic despair, to step back and find perspective. And as for structuralism, I remember hearing my trendy restaurant's spring menu—some elevation of local honey and stone-cooked peasant bread—and thinking of nothing but Pierre Bourdieu's *Distinction.*

Rachel Siviski '10 still enjoys finding just the right wine to pair with dinner. She lives with friends in Vermont.

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